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## REPORT.

THE delay in the appearance of volume viii. is due to causes which the Council regret but for which they are not responsible. Some time after the transcripts of these cartularies should have gone to the printers, Mr. J. Batten, who was to have edited the volume, found it necessary to inform the Secretary that the infirmities of age compelled him to withdraw from the work. The loss to the Society due to this was very great, for Mr. Batten had long made a study of the histories of Bruton and Montacute, and his intimate knowledge of the localities made him a sure guide in the identification of places mentioned in the cartularies. But the work could not be withdrawn at that too late a date. The Council therefore entrusted the Secretary with the task of seeing it through the press, and Mr. Maxwell Lyte and Bishop Hobhouse came to his assistance as far as possible. Bishop Hobhouse had seen the Bruton Cartulary and knew the district well. To Mr. Maxwell Lyte are due the notes on the charters and the list of priors of Montacute. The Rev. F. W. Weaver wrote the account of the fate of the Bruton canons and the Montacute

monks. The index, in which will be found the identification of the places, is due to a lady in the County whose first effort, so full of promise, deserves the gratitude of all the members of the Society. The imperfections are due to the Honorary Secretary who was called upon to undertake in the midst of many other engagements a task for which he had no previous special knowledge.

The next two volumes will contain the Register of Bishop Ralph of Shrewsbury, Bishop of Bath and Wells 1329 to 1363, and it is hoped that they will both appear very shortly. They are edited by the Honorary Secretary. In 1897 it is proposed to issue a volume of early Somerset Assize Rolls of which Mr. C. E. Chadwick-Healey, Q.C., will be the editor.

The number of the subscribers to the Society remains about the same. During the last year we have to record the loss of one, the late Bishop of Bath and Wells, whose interest in the work of the Society was very great and to whom we are greatly indebted for the part he took in obtaining the loan of Bishop Ralph's Register. It is hoped that the work already accomplished and the work that yet remains to be accomplished will obtain for the Society greater assistance from the County in the future.

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## Introduction.

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### BRUTON BEFORE THE CONQUEST.

THE eastern border of the county of Somerset possesses certain interesting features, of which the old settlement of Bruton in no small degree partakes. The low rich plains of Somerset were divided from the cold wind-swept uplands of Wiltshire by a long strip of forest land which ran down from North Wiltshire as far as the upper waters of the Dorset Stour and Cale. The northern and southern limits of this district are still known as the forests of Braden and Selwood, and from these higher districts issued forth the streams of the Avon, Frome, Brue, Cary, Cale, and Stour. When the West Saxons under Cerdic landed in Hampshire, they seem to have meditated an advance westward across the river Stour, but their defeat by the British in 520 at Badbury Rings compelled them to turn northward towards Sarum and Ambresbury. After a time they advanced through Wiltshire westward and came to the eastern border of this forest district. This they avoided by going northward past Swindon and Cricklade and first turned westward to the uplands of the south-east of Gloucestershire and then south towards Somerset. At Deorham they defeated under the leadership of Ceawlin in 577 the three British kings Conmail, Conidian and Farinmael and took the cities of Gloucester, Cirencester and Bath. By this victory the West Saxons became possessed of North Somerset as far probably as the southern slopes of the Mendips. But they did not venture as yet into the forest district between Bath and Devizes. For seventy-five years for various reasons they avoided it. Then in 652 Kenwealch led his West Saxons up the river Avon and took Bradford, defeating the British forces that would have protected it, and by this victory he obtained command of the northern portion of the forest district as far as Malmesbury and Cricklade. Six years afterwards Kenwealch marched south, defeated the British at Peonna

and drove them beyond the river Parret. This advance from the Mendips to the Parret was probably made with caution and the West Saxons would take care that the British in the forest district did not attack them in their rear. Probably at such a time they advanced up the Brue and Cary, as they had before advanced up the Avon, and occupied strong posts as at Castle Cary. The old Roman road from Sarum to Ilchester ran through the district about a mile south of Bruton, joining close by an ancient track that ran northward at the edge of the forest towards Frome. This appears to have been the way Bruton became English. It was a post of danger and importance, and so the settlement at first was a royal burgh and the King at times resided there as he also did at Milborne Port and Sturminster Newton. Whether Bruton had an earlier existence we cannot say. The district contains many Celtic names, and strongholds like Castle Cary may have had one or two predecessors.

Our earliest knowledge of the district after it had become English is derived from the *Life of St. Aldhelm* by William of Malmesbury, the monastic historian of the first half of the twelfth century. He enlarged and modified an earlier *Life* by Faricius which has been entirely superseded. Aldhelm became abbot of Malmesbury in 675 in succession to the old Scotic hermit Maidulf. He had entered the hermit's settlement as a novice in 661 and having stayed there for eight years went to Canterbury about 669 to study under Theodore and abbot Hadrian. Then in 675, on Maidulf's death, he returned to the forest settlement as its second abbot and for a quarter of a century gave himself up to continuous missionary effort in the forest district. He founded churches and established centres of work, monasteries William of Malmesbury calls them, at Frome, Bradford, Doultling, Bruton and Sherborne, and possibly at other places, and down the river Stour as far as Wareham we find traces of his activity. Bruton was by this time a settled royal town, the occasional residence of Ine, if not of Kentwine and Caedwealla. There were two churches in the place, one dedicated to St. Mary which had been built by the King, and another dedicated to St. Peter lately enlarged by the addition of a chancel, which had been founded by St. Aldhelm. During the pontificate of Sergius I, 687-701, Aldhelm, while abbot of Malmesbury, went to Rome, and on his return brought away among other treasures a white marble altar-slab, eighteen inches thick, four feet long and three palms broad, the projecting edge of which all

round was adorned with a beautiful ornamental pattern. This Aldhelm gave to Ine who presented it to his church of St. Mary at Bruton. It is certain that Aldhelm must often have been there and even after he became bishop of Sherborne in 705, he not unfrequently visited his old monastery at Malmesbury and must have passed through Bruton on his way thither and on his return.

From these days we lose sight of Bruton until the Domesday Survey. The Kings of Wessex had become the Kings of England and Winchester took the place of those royal cities in which the Wessex monarchs occasionally resided. Christian Saxons spared and mingled with Christian British and the special interest of the forest district faded away before the wider interests of united England. In Leland's time there was a tradition that Algar, earl of Cornwall, 1006, had established a house of monks here, which was displaced by the later Norman foundation. We know, however, nothing about this, though there is evidence that the neighbourhood was occupied at an early time by the Church. Godmanston,<sup>1</sup> Godcombe, Holyfather, and Holywater, all place names in Pitcombe parish but close to Bruton, seem to point to a time anterior to the foundation of the Mohun family. There was an Algar of Halton who accounted for three hides in Bruton hundred and was probably a subtenant of some Saxon tenant-in-chief of the præ-Norman hundred of Bruton.

T. S. H.

#### THE FOUNDING OF THE PRIORY AND ITS ENDOWMENT.

The Domesday Survey, 1086, gives us no particulars of the church at Bruton or of any religious foundation there. Bruton was a royal manor and so had escaped hidation, and this very silence of Domesday may be taken as evidence that in 1086 there could not have been any ecclesiastical landowner at Bruton, and therefore if Earl Algar had endowed a body of priests or monks there that grant had lapsed.

The entry concerning it in the Exchequer Domesday is as follows:—

Rex tenet Brumetone, rex Edwardus tenuit. Numquam geldavit nec scitur quot hidæ sint ibi. Terra est L carrucarum. In dominio

<sup>1</sup> cf. Charters 46, 47, 48.

sunt tres carrucæ et v servi et iv coliberti et xxviii villani et xxvi bordarii cum xviii carucis. Ibi v burgenses et unus porcarius. Ibi vi molendini reddentes xx solidos et xxxviii acræ prati et cl acræ pasturæ. Silvæ v leugæ in longitudine una leuga in latitudine.

From this we may gather that the population was not inconsiderable, and that Bruton was on the border of the forest district. Subsequent to the time of the survey and before the time of King Stephen, the old Domesday hundred, which had been one of the largest in the county, was divided into the three hundreds of Bruton, Catsash and Norton Ferris. At the time of the survey, William de Moion, one of the most powerful of King William's Norman followers, was sheriff of Somerset.<sup>1</sup> The Conqueror had conferred on him the honour of Dunster, and his numerous manors in Somerset made him one of the largest landowners in the county. Among these were the manors of North and South Brewham where William de Moion apparently displaced Robert Fitzwimarch and Almar, while Robert Fitzgerald and the Count of Mortain received that portion of the parish of Bruton which had belonged to the King.

As sheriff William de Moion would have to administer the estates of the Crown and he had therefore been for a time officially connected with Bruton. His son William was made earl (*comes*) by Queen Matilda, and it would appear that at some time in the early part of the twelfth century, if not before, William the earl was enfeoffed of the manor and advowson of Bruton while the Norman family of Cantilupe received the smaller post-domesday hundred of Bruton. The benefactions of the Mohun family to the church begin, as far as England is concerned, with the gift by William the sheriff of the church of Dunster to the Benedictine abbey of Bath. In the year 1142 Earl William his son settled some canons regular of the order of St. Augustine, whom he is said to have brought from Normandy, at Bruton, and endowed them with the manor and advowson of St. Mary and St. Aldhelm's church at Bruton,<sup>2</sup> William the chaplain of Bruton at the time surrendering his incumbency. This was the royal church of the eighth century which seems to have outgrown and displaced Aldhelm's early church which was dedicated to St. Peter. The Augustinian canons were a new order of religious men. They

<sup>1</sup> *i.e.*, not a heritable title, but the official headship of the comitatus. Stubbs, C. H., i., 360.

<sup>2</sup> *cf.* Hist. Manuscripts Commission, Wells volume, pp. 20, 26.

were established about the year 1061 for the purpose of raising the moral and intellectual standard of the parochial clergy by associating them together in communities whence they might go forth to minister to the wants of the people in the neighbouring parishes. They were therefore supposed to be in holy orders, and worship, study, and alms-giving were their special rules. At first the order spread considerably and the first foundation in England is said to have been at St. John's, Colchester, in 1106. There were at the time of the dissolution of the monasteries 157 foundations of Augustinian canons in England and fifteen of Augustinian nuns, of which in Somerset we had five of the former at Barlync, Bruton, Keynsham, Taunton and Worspring and one of the latter at Mynchin Buckland.

Earl William further enriched his foundation at Bruton by the gift of various estates and churches on his Norman property: in the diocese of Coutances the church of Moion, a little village on the road from St. Lo to Tessy, whence the family had derived their name, and the church at Pierreville and the chapel at Regouefe, also in the diocese of Coutances, and the church at Lyon-sur-mér and an estate at Cresserons at the mouth of the Orne, at Secqueville near Creully and at Messons, all in the diocese of Bayeux.

The English benefaction was speedily confirmed by Bishop Robert of Bath (1135-1166) and the tithes and endowments of Bruton and its dependent churches of Pitcombe, Redlynch, Wyke, Witham and Brewham were impropriated for the support of those canons on whom was cast the duty of administering to the spiritual wants of the people in those parishes. From that time to the thirteenth century the endowments of the priory steadily grew. Bishop Robert himself added the impropriate rectories of Westbury with Priddy and Banwell, though the dean and chapter of Wells as the price of its consent<sup>1</sup> procured an ordinance for the payment of 40s. a year by the prior and convent of Bruton for the expenses of a candle to burn before the high altar of the cathedral church. The exact order of the gifts of lands and impropriate churches cannot easily be discovered. If we knew more of the witnesses who signed the deeds of gift in this cartulary, when they lived and when they died, we could probably approach nearer to a definite chronological order. In the absence of this information, we may say that the following gifts were made to the priory in the

<sup>1</sup> *cf.* H. M. C. Wells volume, p. 26.

second half of the twelfth century: Thierry de Mesnil Mauger gave a garden and his land at Bruton. Alexander de Cantelupe gave the hundred of Bruton and the market held there with its dues and land at La Combe, and Henry de Careville recognised in the county court at Ilchester the right of the convent to summon his men to the hundred court at Bruton. Henry de Careville and his wife Isabella gave lands in Pitcombe. Robert Fitzgeoffrey, an under-tenant of Earl William, gave the advowson of Luxborough near Dunster, and William and Richard de Montague, gave the church of Shepton, having given already forty acres of land in Shepton. William de Lovell gave the church of Milton Clevedon, or rather sanctioned its gift by William de Clevedon. Charter 57 is a confirmation by Archbishop Theobald or Thomas<sup>1</sup> of the possessions of the convent and therefore gives us information as to the extent of the endowment before 1170. He recognised the gifts of the churches of Bruton and Luxborough, of land in Bruton and two parts of the tithes of Pitcombe and Discove. In 1175, at the instigation of Henry II. St. Hugh founded the Carthusian priory at Witham and Henry gave in exchange for the Bruton prior's rights as patron and rector of Witham, the rectory of South Petherton with its dependent chapelries of Seavington St. Michael, Barrington, Chillington and Lopen. Canon Archer says that South Petherton had been given by King Stephen to the cathedral church to found a prebend there, but it does not seem to have been ever annexed. About this time also John de Clevedon and Agatha his wife gave lands for the endowment of the chapel of St. Lawrence, Creech Hill, which John le Dennis had given to Bruton, and Walter de Asselegh gave the church of Swell and John Fitzhamon gave the church and manor of Charlton Adam, and William de Mohun the third gave the church at Minehead and the church at Cutcombe. The Earl had also given the Brewham manors and Vaudrill de Courcelles and Roger de Grainton had also endowed the priory with lands. Geoffrey de Wrokesdale and Juliana his wife gave land at Sterte in Babcary, and Ralph, son of William de Bruton, gave Southhey in the manor of Brewham; the mill at Batheaston was given by Hilary de Champflower, tenements at Wareham and Wilton were given by Hawise countess of Gloucester and Gilbert

<sup>1</sup> Internal evidence suggests that the canons had enlarged T. which stood for Theobald into Thomas.

Morris. At Welkingthorpe in Horsington Thomas Corbet gave lands, and Hugh de Yeovilton the same at Yeovilton and Robert Fitchet an annual rent at Ilchester. William de Mohun the third gave land at Horsely in South Brewham and sixty acres in North Brewham and certain pannage rights. Gerard de Brocton gave one hide of land and his wood at Bratton St. Maur and would have given the church at Bratton but his gift failed for lack of confirmation by his overlord. Hugh, bishop of Coutances, sanctioned the foundation of a prebendal stall at Coutances with lands at Moion for the prior of Bruton for the time being. But the disadvantage to the priory of having lands across the sea soon suggested an exchange with some Norman convent possessed of lands in England. The priory of Trouarn, about 10 miles east of Caen, had been founded in 1022 by Roger de Montgomery, vicomte de 'Exmes, and had been endowed with lands at Runceton or Rongeton in Sussex and Horsely and Whitminster in Gloucestershire. Roger's son turned the priory in 1048 into an abbey and in the twelfth century Trouarn had become one of the most important abbeys in Normandy. The group of Norman charters given in the Cartulary tell the story of the exchange. Bruton surrendered all its Norman property in the dioceses of Coutances and Bayeux, and received the Trouarn property in the dioceses of Chichester and Worcester and gave up also the prebendal stall at Coutances. From the subsequent grant of the manors of Ston Easton and Charlton Adam it would almost appear as if Bruton had made considerable sacrifice in the exchange.

It is evident, from what has been already stated that Bruton was at the end of the thirteenth century a rich foundation. It was never, however, a large foundation. The church of the canons was always the church of the parishioners of Bruton. The convent could not compare with that at Glastonbury. No parish church rose outside the walls of the cloister of the canons to typify the religious distinction of the people of Bruton. But these endowments brought with them duties which the convent had to perform. Many a piece of land had been given that the prayers of the canons might ever rise for the good of some suffering soul. This was their daily care imposed on them by the gifts they enjoyed. Other duties of a spiritual character are shown in the spiritual alliance which the convent entered into in 1202, with Mary, abbess of St. Edward's convent at Shaftesbury, that there might be a mutual exchange of prayers and offices for the brethren and sisters alive or departed. There were parochial

duties also which had to be performed. In charter 61 it would appear as if the parishioners of South Brewham had been dealt unfairly with by the canons, and that William de Draycot, squire of Redlynch, had intervened on their and his own behalf. He desired a settled share of the services of the canon who had to serve Brewham and Redlynch. Neither of these, nor Pitcombe had a resident priest. Charters 83, 93 and 121 tell the same tale of prayers and masses to be offered for the donors' souls and add a canon to the brotherhood. At Seavington there was to be a chaplain as at Redlynch and Brewham and a resident clerk, and burial questions of some interest arose at Barrington and at Criston near Banwell, and great caution is shown in reference to the chapel at Wigborough granted to Helen Hostiaria.

One of the special duties of the Augustinian canons was that of hospitality to the poor. Bruton was close by the high road from Salisbury to Ilchester, and the incessant demands made by the stream of passers by, pressed heavily on the convent. In 1301, we find that William de Marchia, bishop of Bath and Wells,<sup>1</sup> confirms to the canons the grant of the rectory of Chilthorne Domer, on its cession by Geoffrey de Lucy, the then rector, because the convent is over-burdened with the number of people seeking hospitality. The dean and chapter of Wells claims a yearly fee of twelve marks from Bruton, as the price of its sanction to their impropriation, and in 1497 we find this has got into arrears to the extent of 8*l.*, owing to agricultural depression. Our knowledge of the growth of the endowment in the fourteenth century is but scanty. Bishop Hobhouse's edition of the Register of Bishop Drokensford gives us a few facts which suggest that the priory was burdened with the expense of rebuilding the churches on its estates. Canon William of Bruton had done much good to the convent when he held the office of cellararer, in raising it out of its great burden of debt. Bishop Haselshaw, 1302-1308, had on this account rewarded him by sanctioning a separate chamber, and meals and allowances separate. Bishop Drokensford in 1312, confirms this breach of the rule of the order.<sup>2</sup> The nature of this burden may perhaps be gathered from a further entry in Drokensford's Register of 1317. The priory was fined 20*s.* for not procuring the dedication of its chancels, and this fine was remitted

<sup>1</sup> H.M.C. Wells Volume, p. 76.

<sup>2</sup> Hobhouse's Drokensford, p. 65.

at the instance of John de Bruton, canon of Wells, because the inappropriate churches were not as yet fully built.<sup>1</sup> In 1319, Sir William de Montacute in his will made at Bordeaux, bequeathed his body to be buried in the church of SS. Peter and Paul of Bruton.<sup>2</sup> This is the only evidence in post-Norman times of this older church at Bruton, the one founded by S. Aldhelm. It seems impossible that it should have gone on side by side with that dedicated to SS. Mary and Aldhelm, and it is more probable that in the fourteenth century, the older dedication had been perpetuated by an altar in this later church.

The affairs of the convent in the fifteenth century seem to refer more to the history of the priors and the inner life of the canons, and we have little information in that century concerning the endowment. The impropriation of Chilthorne Domer did not help very materially the charges of the convent, and in 1498, the prior of Bruton and dean Gunthorpe of Wells, enter into an arrangement, under which the rectory is to be let on a lease of ninety-nine years, and the convent is to be thereby enabled to pay its overdue subsidy of twelve marks yearly to the cathedral church. This was accepted by the chapter on May 19, 1498.<sup>3</sup> Twenty-one years afterwards in 1519, we find in Wolsey's Register, an interesting account of the re-arrangement of the endowment of the vicarage of Shepton Montague, Canon Wolman is acting as vicar-general *in spiritualibus* under Cardinal Wolsey, as *commendatarius* of the see. On May 2, he declares that Richard Lewys, the perpetual vicar of Shepton Montague, has so small an income that he is unable to support the burden of his benefice, and that the abbot of Bruton, William Gylberd, and his convent as *proprietarii*, i.e., inappropriate rectors, have agreed to augment his income, and that he consents to their terms; he therefore decrees that the vicar shall have the house adjoining the church-yard on the south, or some manse to be built in lieu by the abbey, that he shall have the vicar's close, and also the yearly sum of 8*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*, to be paid by the abbey and that the abbey shall find wax lights for processions, pay tenths and subsidies to the king and all other onera, with procurations, whether ordinary or extraordinary. This was ratified by the abbey in the chapter-house at Bruton, on August 1,

<sup>1</sup> Hobhouse's Drokensford p. 171.

<sup>2</sup> Hobhouse's Drokensford, p. 143.

<sup>3</sup> H.M.C. Wells vol., p. 145.

and by the vicar on August 5, the official of the Bath archdeaconry testifying by his seal.

Two valuations of the conventional property exist, that for the Taxatio of Pope Nicholas I, made in 1281 for the purposes of the Crusades, and the Valor Ecclesiasticus of the twenty-sixth year of Henry VIII.

In the Taxatio we find the following items:

The temporalties of the prior of Bruton are assessed as follows:—

|              |                     |         | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|----|----|----|
| Cary Deanery | Bruton              | - - - - | 17 | 10 | 0  |
| " "          | Brewham and Horsley | - - - - | 8  | 10 | 0  |
| " "          | Babcary             | - - - - | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Merston ,,   | Horsington          | - - - - | 0  | 13 | 4  |
| Ilchester ,, | Charlton Adam       | - - - - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| Bridgwater   | Chedsey             | - - - - | 0  | 10 | 0  |

There is also a pension from the church of Banwell for the prior assessed at 2*l.*, and for the hospital at Bruton at 1*l.*, and the church of Milton Clevedon is assigned to the prior and assessed at 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and Swell in the deanery of Crewkerne, also of the prior, is assessed at 3*l.* In the diocese of Chichester, the temporalties of the prior at Rongeton, are assessed at 8*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*, and of the spiritualties derived from Southstoke, the churches of Pulborough, Graffham, Northmerdone, Mundham and Merston at 4*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* The total being 55*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* without including the spiritualties of dependent churches.

In the later Valor Ecclesiasticus the information is more complete but we must give it in epitome. In the manor and hundred of Bruton, Geoffrey Gylbert is the bailiff of the hundred and Giles Slade, the collector of rents. The manor is assessed at 98*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*

|                                           |         | £  | s. | d.         |
|-------------------------------------------|---------|----|----|------------|
| North Bruham, William Coppyn, bailiff     | - - - - | 38 | 17 | 11         |
| Dyscove                                   | - - - - | 10 | 16 | 8          |
| Sterte leased to Robert Gylbert           | - - - - | 4  | 0  | 0          |
| Milton Clevedon, leased to Wm. Grenne     | - - - - | 1  | 0  | 0          |
| Glastonbury, from rent of the " Crowne "  | - - - - | 3  | 6  | 8          |
| Charlton Adam, Thomas Tucker, the bailiff | - - - - | 12 | 19 | 8          |
| South Petherton, John Baker, bailiff      | - - - - | 22 | 5  | 4 <i>½</i> |
| Ston Easton, rents                        | - - - - | 18 | 19 | 9          |
| Westbury and Priddy, John Plenty, bailiff | - - - - | 12 | 8  | 6 <i>½</i> |

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|                                                        |           | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----|----|----|
| Banwell, John Wygmore, bailiff                         | - - -     | 15 | 19 | 2  |
| Horseley, in Gloucestershire, Giles Benett,<br>bailiff | - - - - - | 56 | 6  | 5  |
| Rongeton, in Sussex, John Lightfoot,<br>bailiff        | - - - - - | 27 | 2  | 5  |

The spiritualties are assessed as follows:

|                               |   |   |    |    |   |
|-------------------------------|---|---|----|----|---|
| Bruton, Pitcombe and Redlynch | - | - | 18 | 0  | 0 |
| Shepton Montagu               | - | - | 8  | 18 | 0 |
| Minehead and Cuckcombe        | - | - | 18 | 13 | 0 |
| Charlton                      | - | - | 3  | 6  | 8 |
| South Petherton               | - | - | 50 | 9  | 5 |
| Chilthorne Domer              | - | - |    | 13 | 4 |
| Westbury and Priddy           | - | - | 6  | 13 | 4 |
| Banwell with Churchill        | - | - | 30 | 10 | 0 |
| Horseley                      | - | - | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Wheatenhurst                  | - | - | 2  | 6  | 8 |
| Rongeton                      | - | - | 8  | 18 | 0 |

The total of the temporalties and spiritualties

amount to - - - - - - - - - £480 17 2

But they have to pay pensions, &c., to Henry, Marquis of Exeter; Thomas Horner, auditor; Richard Palmer, receiver-general; and to the King, the archdeacon of Wells, the bishop of Bath and Wells, the squire of Horsington for a chief rent from Estrop, to the vicar of Shepton Montagu and in alms for the souls of William de Mohun, earl of Somerset, William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury, and Reginald de Mohun—to the extent of 41*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.*, reducing the value of the priory's possessions to 430*l.* 6*s.* 10*d.* (*sic.*)

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## THE PRIORY AND ITS PRIORS.

The history of the Austin Canons has an interest peculiar to itself. It is not the history, at least in its inception, of a monastic body. It is the history of a society of clergy, and therefore it is a history which should be tracked out and described outside the ordinary

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history of the development of the monastic orders. It carries us back to the efforts made by the earnest bishop of Hippo to deepen the spiritual life of the clergy whose duties called upon them to mingle with the outside world. The name canon was probably a general name for the clergy, a name given because they were inscribed on the roll of the bishop, and St. Augustine at Hippo as also St. Eusebius at Vercelli were conspicuous for the care they took of the spiritual life of the clergy who lived with them, both directing their pastoral work and encouraging them in their intellectual and theological studies. It is uncertain how these canons became known as Austin Canons but it is supposed that the authority for attaching St. Augustine's name to the order rests on the memory of his personal efforts, and on the fact that more or less it is a development of the advice St. Augustine gave to religious persons in the 109th letter of his collected writings. But there can be no doubt that the origin of the order is to be looked for in the houses of the bishops, and among the clergy of the diocese. Even to the present day we can discover traces of this early system in the traditional duties of the chancellor of the cathedral church. His duty it was under the direction of the bishop, to superintend the studies of the younger clergy and to promote higher religious education. Life in the bishop's house was a community life. All the members agreed to accept certain rules but were in other matters free to act as they considered right. The three rules of the earlier canonical seminaries were that all the canons should live where their sphere of work lay, that they should take part in the daily offices in the church and that they should attend the daily chapters. From this we can perceive how much the canons differed from the monks. Theirs was not a claustral life. No vows of obedience and poverty were originally exacted. The very reason for its existence was that it might help the canons in their real work in life, their spiritual work among the neighbouring population. It was a means to a desirable end, that they might be better parish priests, and so as this idea developed and spread it was patronised and encouraged by the bishops of the diocese. Robert and Reginald favoured it at Bruton as did Adelulf at Carlisle and Gyffard at Taunton. But we must not anticipate. If we cannot say that all the canons were priests, yet they probably were so originally and the priesthood was the primary object for which they entered the seminary. And this shows us also somewhat of the relationship between the bishop and his canons.

They were his clergy, and he was their head, and even when these canonical houses were multiplied in the diocese so that the bishop could not personally superintend the internal management of the house, he was still the head of that house. But a system so simple as this would naturally as time went on receive many accretions and these additions would produce many variations. The system would differ from diocese to diocese as also from bishop to bishop. This certainly was the case during the fifth and sixth centuries. There was growing up by its side the independent system of coenobitic monks under the wise organisation of Benedict of Nursia and the rules of the Augustinian canons were slowly assimilated to that of the Benedictine monks. There was no rule so to speak of the Augustine canons. It was merely a principle of life defined under these simple heads. But as this principle was developed so variations would arise in different houses. Among the most notable was the system developed by St. Chrodegang, bishop of Metz 742-765, in which he adapted the rule of St. Benedict to the altered duties of the diocesan clergy. Their liberty was curtailed, the work of their day was more elaborately defined. This rule he enforced on his clergy at Metz, who had charge of the two churches of that city and also on all the town clergy of that diocese. The bishop took the place of the abbot and the archdeacon that of the Benedictine prior, the hour offices were to be said daily in the church and such manual work was to be performed by the canons as was compatible with their other duties. Henceforth we can see a steady divergence in the rules of life for the canonical clergy and a continuous approximation towards a definite monastic system. While the houses of some took the name of seminaries and colleges, those of others took the name of monasteries, and in some cases after a prolonged struggle, the clergy of the bishop's cathedral church shook themselves free from the influence and became colleges of purely secular clergy. This was certainly the case at Exeter where Leofric long strove to impose on his clergy the rule of S. Chrodegang as did Gisa at Wells, but when Gisa and Leofric were dead the canons gained their freer constitution. Unwan, archbishop of Hamburg, the opponent of Knut, and Archbishop Æthelnoth, did much to define this difference between the monks and the canons, and Ivo of Chartres 1000-1115 assisted this movement by his foundation of the canons regular, joining to the community life the observances and vows of the monasteries. About

1095 Lutodus, dean of the cathedral church of Toul, founded an abbey there for canons regular who should live under the rule of St. Augustine, and in 1111 Urban II confirmed this foundation. This is about the earliest reference to this rule of St. Augustine, and it is thus evident that by the beginning of the twelfth century a rule for canons regular began to be known as the rule of St. Augustine, and these canons became known as the canons regular of St. Augustine. In 1131, Innocent II at the Council of Rheims divided the regular clergy into two orders, monks of the order of St. Benedict and canons of the order of St. Augustine, and at the Lateran Council of 1139 the canons regular are contrasted with the monks of St. Benedict as already a well recognised order of the times. While then some canons became more and more like monks, others developed in a secular direction, gaining more and more personal liberty and independence as towards the bishop of the diocese. So also the result of this twelfth century development was that in the internal arrangements of the houses for the regular canons of St. Augustine many rules were borrowed from those of the order of St. Benedict, and the reforms of Archbishop Lanfranc and St. William of Hirsaige for the Benedictine system were in part adopted in the later foundation of canons regular. But if we may infer it from their silence neither Lanfranc or St. Anselm knew anything of a rule of St. Augustine for canons regular and the introduction of the order into England was subsequent to their time. There is a letter of St. Anselm to William prior of the canons de Mont St. Eloy asking him to receive an Englishman named Northmann who belonged to a church where these regular clergy had lately been gathered, and who desired to spend some time under prior William for further instruction in that way of life. The order was certainly in its infancy, variations were common and depended as yet very much on the individuality of the bishop, and certainly in the twelfth century the order was popular. It was a way by which the bishops could retain their hold on men who were practically monks. They did not, like the Benedictines claim freedom from episcopal control; and even after they had gained from their patron freedom to elect their prior they not unfrequently delegated their choice to the bishop.

The foundation of Ernulf at Colchester about 1106, which is said to have been the first foundation of canons regular of St. Augustine in England, and which claimed some jurisdiction over all the houses of

the order in this country, was in many ways similar to that at Bruton. The parish church of St. Boto<sup>l</sup>ph was taken by the canons regular and was shared by them with the parishioners to whom they ministered, and as at Bruton and Carlisle and many other places was a double church, if not structurally at least for the purpose of public worship. At Bristol the canons built a church for the parishioners and the same arrangement was apparently made at Taunton. The *Consuetudinarium* of the canons regular of St. Augustine of the priory of Barnwell, near Cambridge, written in 1296 and now in the British Museum Library, gives us evidence of the internal arrangements of a priory at that date. The officers of the house, the *obedienciarii*, are almost the same as for a Benedictine house. The prior, who had under him a sub-prior and a third prior, the precentor who was also librarian, the succentor, the sacrist and subsacrist, the hall butler, the chief cellararer, the kitchen steward, the steward of the granary, the receivers, the steward of the guest house, the chamberlain, the almoner, and the master of the infirmary. Nothing is said about a school and the use of the books of the library by the canons is left quite optional. The librarian is merely the custodian of the books and the office of chancellor who should instruct the younger clergy seems to have disappeared. It does not appear either that any allowance is made for those canons who had to serve the dependent churches and possibly already by impropriations and the creation of vicarages the priory had got rid of the last vestige of the canons' duty. The perfect scheme of parochial work at Taunton under these canons which Walter Gyffard bishop of Winchester had devised in 1115 broke down in 1308 when vicarages were created for St. Mary Magdalen, Trull and Wilton, and secular chaplains were to serve Stoke St. Mary, St. James, Ruishton, Staplegrove and Hull.

In 1339 Benedict XII endeavoured to assimilate the different bodies of canons regular and his constitution gives us some further insight into the state of these convents in the fourteenth century.

The daily chapters are still to be insisted on and also the yearly one when matters of greater importance are discussed, and an effort is to be made to carry out the system of triennial general chapters of the provinces. The constitution of Archbishop Peckham in 1281 at the Council of Lambeth had however already provided for the obvious inconveniences of attendance at these triennial chapters in the case of alien priories. Benedict XII allowed the canons to keep

a servant and a horse, but not in the conventional house, and he urges upon them to study and also to maintain poor students as far as possible at some seminary or university.

In 1222, at the Council of Oxford, Stephen Langton had endeavoured to regulate the dress of the canons regular. In 1289 there was a provisional chapter of the order also at Oxford.

In 1513, at a general chapter for England held at Leicester, the need for reform and for a stricter adherence to the rule of the order was generally recognised and the final injunction for the reforms thus acknowledged were issued in 1520 by Cardinal Wolsey as papal legate. The order had by this time become purely monastic and little of its origin remained. Many canons were not priests, the priors had in some cases become abbots, two, the priors of Waltham and Cirencester were mitred priors and abbot Gylbert of Bruton had become bishop of Mayo. The old relationship with the bishop of the diocese had almost vanished and so also had the connection between the canons and their cures. The duty to promote sound religious learning was niggardly observed in a meagre pittance for the support of a student at Oxford. It was clear that the regular canons and the monks must stand or fall together. One witness remains, and as far as I can ascertain only one of the literary efforts of the earlier canons of Bruton. In the British Museum among the Cottonian MSS. that were plucked from the fire in 1731 there is (Otho A. IV.) one which is described as *Liber Annalium Regum Anglorum per quendam monachum de Bruton.* It is in a sadly injured state and the little that is legible contains no information about Bruton. It is one of the ordinary monastic annals of the time. Whether it is the same as the work referred to by Wharton in his life of Reginald in *Anglia Sacra* as *Annales coenobii Brutonensis* I am unable to say, though it probably is, and since this fails us we can give no continuous history of the priors and the inner life of the priory.

The following list of the priors though possibly incomplete at least approaches more nearly to completeness than any list yet published. It has been drawn up from the chartulary itself and from certain entries in escheat rolls and the bishops' registers. The dates are not in every case the limits of the prior's tenure of office but only such as we can be sure of during his tenure. On the foundation of the priory, William, the parochial chaplain, seems to

have stood aside in order that the prior and convent might be installed as the perpetual parson of the parish, and thus Gilbert the first prior and his brother canons had very soon the pastoral care of Bruton, Pitcombe, Redlynch, Wyke, Witham and Bruham to demand that chastened energy and spiritual zeal which their community life was intended to foster.

|       |     |                                    |
|-------|-----|------------------------------------|
| Prior | 1.  | Gilbert, 1144.                     |
|       | 2.  | William, 1159.                     |
|       | 3.  | Robert, 1184.                      |
|       | 4.  | Philip, 1188.                      |
|       | 5.  | Gilbert, 1194, 1209.               |
|       | 6.  | Ralph.                             |
|       | 7.  | Richard, 1219, 1231.               |
|       | 8.  | Stephen, 1235, 1251.               |
|       | 9.  | William, 1256, 1267.               |
|       | 10. | Thomas, 1268.                      |
|       | 11. | Stephen, 1274.                     |
|       | 12. | John de Grindham, 1274, 1298.      |
|       | 13. | Richard de la Grave, 1298, 1309.   |
|       | 14. | Walter de Leghe, 1309.             |
|       | 15. | Robert de Coker, 1335, 1348.       |
|       | 16. | Ralph Cokkyng, 1362.               |
|       | 17. | Richard, 1373.                     |
|       | 18. | John Corsham, 1396-1418.           |
|       | 19. | John Schoyle, 1418-1429.           |
|       | 20. | Richard de Glastonbury, 1429-1448. |
|       | 21. | John Henton, 1448-1494.            |
| Abbot | 1.  | William Gylbert, 1498-1533.        |
|       | 2.  | John Elye, 1533-1539.              |

1. Gilbert. *Cf.* H M.C. Wells vol. p. 170.
2. William. His name appears as a witness of bishop Robert's creation of the prebend of Huish, November 4, 1159, with Stephen, the prior of Taunton. He is also mentioned in No. 401.
4. Philip. *Cf.* fol. 46A.
5. Gilbert, in 1202 enters into a spiritual confederation with Mary the abbess of the convent of St. Edward at Shaftesbury, so that the canons of Bruton shall be partici-

pators of the prayer of the nuns. *Cf.* H.M.C. Wells vol. p. 22 and No. 174, 246, 279.

6. Ralph. *Cf.* No. 81.
7. Richard, the prior, becomes a canon of the church of Coutances, the Mohun family apparently endowing a prebend there from their lands at Taissey, Moyon and Pierreville, A.D. 1222. *Cf.* No. 425. He also engaged in a controversy with the archdeacon of Wells in reference to the procuration from Churchill and bishop Joceline makes the award. (*Cf.* No. 131 and Green's Feet of Fines, p. 45.)
8. Stephen appears as deforciant in a trial concerning the advowson of Shepton Montague 1235 against William de Monteacuto. He occurs also in 1251. *Cf.* Nos. 271, 303.
9. William, Sir William de Sancto Edwardo [194] probably the result of the intimacy of the convent with that at Shaftesbury. Under him occurred the exchange of lands between the convent and the abbey of Troarn whereby the Bruton convent gave up all their Norman estates and took in exchange the estates at Rongeton, Horsey and Wheatenhurst, A.D. 1260. See also Nos. 35, 175, 288.
10. Thomas. See No. 37. *Cf.* Feet of Fines, p. 225. *Cf.* 354.
11. Stephen, A.D. 1274. He comes to an agreement on behalf of the priory with Sir Hugh Lovell to exact not more than four attendances annually in the hundred court of Bruton. No. 39.
12. John de Grindham was appointed in 1274. Savage's *History of the Hundred of Carhampton*, p. 467. He, in 1285, comes to an arrangement with the abbot of Athelney in reference to dues from the tenants at Sevenhampton. *Cf.* No. 209. Feet of Fines, p. 239. Died July 3, 1298.
13. Richard de la Grave. *Cf.* No. 101, 370. Died January 2, 1309.
14. Walter de Leghe, April 14, 1309. *Cf.* Nos. 371, 374. Died 1335. *Cf.* R. de Salopia's Register, f. 131.
15. Robert Coker. See No. 362. Died October 3, 1361. He had been cellarar of the priory. There was a Richard Coker, possibly his brother, in the council of the prior. *Cf.* No. 356, 362, 379.
16. Ralph Cokkyng. In 364 he is mentioned as Richard Cokkyng, but *Cf.* 365.

17. Richard. He occurs in No. 373 as a party to an ordinance in 1373 of the convent whereby the rents of Discove were assigned to the pittancer for the use of the canons. He may, however, be the same as the preceding prior.

18. John Corsham. He died on November 25, 1418. *Cf.* Bub. Reg. and Minister's Accounts, 971/24. On October 20, 1411, we find him mentioned with others as commissioned by a bull of Pope John XXIII to enquire and redress certain grievances of the chapter at Wells. He issues his mandates from his chamber at North Brewham. His name also appears in Bishop Bubwith's Register among those cited to appear at the convocation at London, November 18, 1415. And also, October 31, 1416. The Cartulary has now ceased to help us.

19. John Schoyle. December 10, 1418. Temporalities restored 31 May, 1419. Minister's Accounts 971/24. Removed February 10, 1430. The isolated position of the houses of the regular canons and the liberty granted to the canons to go out into the world exposed them to dangers into which the evidences from the bishops' registers in the fifteenth century prove that they had fallen. In Bishop Bubwith's Register, f. ccii, we find that at Bruton it was the prior who had fallen, and he is reported by the canons of the house. On September 4, 1423, he submits to the judgment of the bishop and his submission was accepted at Wookey when Bubwith had taken his seat "in quodam deambulatorio inter aulam et capellam manerii de Woky," and had heard the charges made against him. There were present William Felter, doctor of canon law, and John Reynolds, canons of Wells, William Brett, vicar of Frome, John Carant, steward of the priory of Bruton and John Gregory, esquire. He was tried "pro excessibus delictis, compertis sive delatis quibuscunque personam meam seu dictum priorem tangentibus."

The bishop appears then to have enquired further into the charges and in October, [*Cf.* f. cciii,] of that year he issues his tions to the priory and on the prior. It is expressly stated that the charges were either confessed to by Schoyle or had been reported by his fellow canons. They had detected

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him in his errors. First the prior is suspended from his office, all the internal care and ruling of the priory is taken from him and he is prohibited from all external duties. Being thus freed from all impediments he is to be present at all canonical offices both by night as well as by day and especially on Sundays and festivals. He is to say mass not less than three times a week and he is to keep the daily chapter whereby the proper discipline of the house can alone be maintained.

Secondly that the evil report might be wiped out "ad sedandam ejus infamiam laudabili testimonio honestarum personarum," he is not to go out or ride abroad on any account whatever unless it shall appear to the subprior and the greater part of the canons to be for the advantage of the convent "pro agendis dicti prioratus negotiis."

Thirdly, he is to have sufficient provided for him and for the hospitality due to his rank; and fourthly all things are to go on as usual and due obedience is to be shown towards the administrator appointed by the bishop to manage the affairs of the convent.

That the efforts thus taken to root out the evil were not successful is proved by various entries in bishop Stafford's register. On August 20, 1427, the bishop writes from Dogmersfeld severely condemning the convent for its evil ways. Hoper the camerarius was charged with quarrelsomeness. There was ritual laxity and the canonical offices were carelessly said and often omitted. Within the convent many breaches of the rules of the order were overlooked, the temporalities of the house were not properly cared for and sexual vice was present among them. Two years after, the bishop seems to have visited the priory in person and he severely blames the canons for their conduct and makes their treatment of the inappropriate parish of Shepton the subject of a monition. They are to present within a month a suitable person as vicar and to assign him a *congrua portio*.

It would also appear as if this visit had brought about the resignation of Schoyle, for on August 8, 1429, bishop Stafford confirms the election of Richard of Glastonbury as prior. But Schoyle still remained in the priory and on

February 10, 1430, the bishop found it necessary to dispense with his residence at Bruton and allow him to exercise his religion in the priory of Poughle in the diocese of Salisbury during the bishop's pleasure. Poughle was a small house of Austin canons in the parish of Chadleworth near Wantage, and its isolated position on the downs was suited for the confinement of this unworthy prior.

20. Richard of Glastonbury. August 8, 1429—October, 1448. It would naturally be expected that the evils that had existed under the previous prior would speedily be rooted out by his successor. But it is clear that the example which Schoyle had set his fellow canons had been to some extent followed. On November 16, 1430 bishop Stafford issues a further monition to the priory, "monitio priori et conventui de Bruton pro remocione mulierum suspectarum." He says that in the course of his visitation he had heard evidence of the admission of suspected women within the walls of the priory and much to incriminate prior Richard, and he had ordered his injunctions to be read in the chapter house twice a week till Candlemas. But these injunctions had been disregarded, the prior's ill fame had become notorious, the laxity had increased. He therefore enjoins "omnia colloquia mulierum tam infra quam extra septa" "Prioratus vitanda sub poena excommunicationis," and he ordered his monition to be read in the chapter house three times a week till Pentecost.

In bishop Bekynton's register we find that the evil still continued. Richard of Glastonbury was a worthy successor to John Schoyle. On November 31 1444, Bekynton issues a commission to his commissary canon Fulford to renew the monition of his predecessor which Richard of Glastonbury had disregarded, and to call upon him to produce documents needful for enquiry for his admonition, and to bid the prior appear at Wells, before the commissary next Epiphany "sub poena."

On November 31 of the next year, the bishop writing from London cites the prior to answer before him with all his canons in the chapter house at Bruton on December 18. Then on December 7, he issues a commission to the

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prior of Witham and two others to hold this visitation for him if he is unable to come, and an additional commission is issued at the same time to the same three to enquire especially concerning the crimes alleged against the prior, and to do all that might be needed for correction. On January 8, 1446, a further commission was issued to the same three to continue the visitation and to overcome all hindrance by canonical coercion. The court was held in the chapel of St. Katharine in the parochial church of Bruton.

Two years afterwards death rid the priory of its evil head.

21. John Henton, 1448-1494. We now enter a period of reform and under this prior the convent seems to have cast off its former ill fame. On October 10, 1448, we find from Bekynton's confirmations at the end of his register, that the death of Richard of Glastonbury was reported to the bishop by Robert Goldsmith the subprior. Bekynton was at Wookey, and had taken his seat in his chapel there that the process might be carried out judicially. First, there is the certificate of the election drawn up by a notary. The subprior and thirteen canons had voted. Two brethren, Lamyat and Pawle, had renounced their order. Then came the written consent of James Luttrell, Esq., as patron with his petition to the bishop for confirmation of the elect. This is followed by the bishop's sentence of institution in his spiritual office, confirmation, and the prior's oath of obedience to the bishop as the ordinary. Then the bishop issued his certificate to the King with petition for the prior's confirmation in the temporalties, and finally the mandate dated October 31, 1448, from Dogmersfield to the archdeacon of Wells to induct the prior.

The next entry in Bekynton's register concerning the priory may be taken as the result of John Henton's efforts at reform. In April 1452, the bishop issues the following injunctions at Bruton:—

1. The canons were not to sleep in the same bed.
2. The canons were not to sleep away from the convent without licence.

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- 3. The canons were not to play at dice.
- 4. The younger canons were to be daily taught by the seniors "in grammatica," *i.e.* the rudiments of classical learning.
- 5. The canons were to keep the rules of their order in their dormitory.
- 6. The infirmary was to be rebuilt.
- 7. The senior canons were not to attract the juniors to themselves. (Probably this was some system of *clientèle* leading to favouritism, the juniors doing little offices for the seniors, who in turn favoured them, and waived the rules of the convent.)
- 8. The juniors were to show all due reverence to the seniors.
- 9. Women, and especially Margaret Stawel, were not to enter the convent.
- 10. The canons were to eschew oaths "per Humanitatem seu per Membra Christi."
- 11. The canons were not to hunt.
- 12. The canons were to keep the secrets of the house.
- 13. The canons were to eschew "perevagationes in diversis ecclesiis et capellis prioratus," *i.e.*, running about for service in the dependent churches perhaps for hire, and certainly neglecting canonical duties at home.
- 14. Canons who had private chambers were not to allow "confabulationes et potationes" therein, which led to a neglect of the Divine Office.
- 15. The conventional bread was to be of unmixed grain and pure leaven, and the beer to be better.
- 16. The prior was to take pains in the collection of what was due to the convent.
- 17. After compline all the canons were to resort straight to the dormitory without talk.
- 18. Letters addressed to the canons, if not open, were to be taken to the subprior for opening.
- 19. The *coquinarius* and cellarar were not to go about the markets as mere laymen.
- 20. In consequence of bishop Stafford's injunctions having been slighted, the following portions of them were made more stringent:—All disturbances of Divine service, or wilful

frivolities to be adjudged as mortal sin. The three essentials of their vow being poverty, chastity, and obedience, the canons were to obey the prior "sub pena majoris excommunicationis." Annual accounts are to be rendered by the prior to the convent, and these injunctions are to be read capitulariter once a month.

In June, 1452, in an order issued from the palace, Wells, Bekynton dispensed with the thirteenth clause of these injunctions, so far as to allow the prior to employ the canons in serving the parish church of Bruton with its chapels annexed and dependent of Wyke and Redlynch, but all the other churches are to be served by seculars.

In 1455, it appears that the prior John Henton had petitioned the pope for absolution from the possible crime of simony. He stated that he had been duly elected, and had been prior for seven years when he discovered that his father had paid money to two noblemen of those parts to further his election, and that he was afraid of impeachment for simony. On x. Kal., Jan., 1455, Calixtus III absolves him, and confirms him in the priorship, and at the same time having learnt that the convent had granted corrodies to the extent of 40s. a year, he forbade all such charges for the future under pain of excommunication.

In 1459, Bekynton commissions canons Sugar and Stoke to enquire touching the observance of his injunctions issued after the visitation of the abbeys of Keynsham, Muchelney and Athelney, and the priories of Bruton and Taunton.

In 1468, prior Henton and the convent make Hugh Sugar, treasurer of Wells, a brother of Bruton, and in the same year in bishop Stillington's register, in the list of taxable chaplains John Howse, chaplain of Bruton, is relieved on account of poverty and charged only 6s. 8d.

That Henton belonged to a wealthy and influential family in Bruton, the foundation charter of the Henton chantry given below clearly proves, and it would appear as if the evil days of the house were over. The long period of his priorship gave him opportunity to root out the ill-fame, and bring back the canons to their original obedience and duty.

The following notes by bishop Hobhouse on the fabric of the church and matter in connection with it are too valuable to be omitted. They form a suitable ending to the sketch of the priors of the ancient house.

### BRUTON CHURCH.

*Proofs of one fabric serving the double purpose of a conventional and parochial church.*

The canons, being inappropriate rectors of the parish church, and as such, in command of the chancel, and being few in number, had no need of any separate chapel for conventional functions.

There is no record of the founder building a chapel, or of one ever being consecrated.

But the founder did rebuild the chancel of the parish church of St. Aldhelm, and built thereunder a crypt for the interment of his family, which still remains, having been the burial place of the Mohuns and Luttrells, and also of Montagues for centuries, and, after the dissolution of the lay grantees, the Berkeleys.

This crypt gives the size of the founder's chancel, which was probably dedicated to St. Mary, the patroness of the priory, and St. Aldhelm's altar was removed into the nave for the parishioners' use.

After the impropriation, the church became an "Ecclesia conventionalis," with two sets of worshippers and functions, but one ministering body, deputing one of its canons to be the "capellanus parochialis."

The canons probably buried in the chapterhouse and cloister-yard, the parishioners in the ground attached to the church on the north-east and west sides, but this cemetery is described in bishop Drokensford's register, 1311, as "intra clausum Prioratus de B.",— and bishop Bekynton's commission sat in St. Katrine's chapel "in parochiali ecclesia," *i.e.* in the north aisle of the existing church, where "Ora pro nobis S. Katrina" fixes the spot.

St. Katrine's image stood "in Cancello" (see Bruton's will), and therefore her altar. The parish chancel was therefore in the east end of the north aisle.

The old fabric and its graveyard stood "intra clausum Prioratus." The "Claustrum" to which Henton gave money was either the

conventual building generally, or the cloister, probably attached to the south wall of the nave of the church.

A chapel of St. George is mentioned in document 49.

#### EXTRACT FROM BISHOP BEKYNTON'S REGISTER.

Fundatio Cantariæ ad altare St. Aldelmi in Ecclesiâ conventuali Prioratus de Bruton.

Univ. Sa. Matris ecclesiæ filiis, &c. . .

Joannes Henton, Prior conventionalis ecclesiæ et Prioratus B. M. de Bruton, et ejusdem loci conventus, &c. . .

Cum dilectus nobis in Xto. Joannes Henton, mercer, et Agnes, uxor ejus, parentes mei J. H. Prioris, volentes et summe affectantes de et cum bonis suis temporalibus aeterne comparare, ad honorem Domini nostri Jes Xti. et augmentum Divini cultus, nobis et ecclesiæ conventionalis unam magnam campanam atque ad fabricam ecclesiæ conventionalis et claustræ prioratus summam cccc lib. contulerunt nonnulla que immensa beneficia nobis et prioratu fecerunt.

Nos, J. H., Prior, &c. . . ad considerationem hujus beneficij oculos reducentes, praefatum J. H. mercer, et uxorem suam necnon utriusque eorum proles . . . unanimiter in domo nostro capitulari, in fraternitatem dictæ ecclesiæ et Prioratus suscipimus, concessimusq; eosdem J. H., &c., missarum et divinorum officiorum infra Prioratum celebrandorum, necnon orationum, jejuniorum, eleemosynarum, ceterorumq; suffragiorum et pietatis operum, quomodolibet fiendorum particeps esse.

Insuper, Ego J. H. prior, paucitatem victus et sustentationis conventus predicti, paterno animo compatiens, in subsidium et relevamen dicti conventus, et ut idem conventos pro bono statu meo et parentum quamdiu in hac vita egerimus, ac cum ab hac luce subtractu fuerimus pro animabus nostris ad Deum preces effundere excitentur, de consensu Conventus dedi et concessi pro me ac successoribus meis in perpetuam eidem convl. ann. pensionem C solidorum de manerio de Stony-eston (times and modes of payment). Et nos J. H. Prior, et convs, nos et successores nostros obligamus in X lib. legalis monetæ D<sup>o</sup>. Bath et Wells, Episcopo. et successores ejus quotiens summa predicta minime persoluta fuerit.

Statui et ordinavi ctiam Ego J. H., cum unanimi consensu, &c., quod

idem conventus singulis diebus per ann. die parascue (Good Friday) excepto, faciet per unum confratrem ad altare S. Aldelmi in navi ecclesiae conventionalis missam pro bono statu mei et parentum meorum, necnon benefactorum Prioratus viventium quamdiu in humanis egerimus, et post mortem pro animabus nostris, celebrari; necnon exequias mortuorum dici cum ix lectionibus; quodque missæ et exequiæ per confratres sacerdotes conventus septimanatim currenter et cursorie celebrantur.

Details of remuneration and of service.

Further details of the obituary service after the prior's death, 20s. to be shared among the canons present, 6s. 8d. by the poor, out of the 100s. rent charge, with fees to sacrist, and clerk of the conventional church. Balance of the 100s. to go to the "ornamenta" of St. Aldhelm's altar and lights, and to maintain 5 "cerei" in the chapel of St. Laurence the Martyr, in the conventional church.

In quorum testimonium, Nos, J. H. et Conventus noster capitulo rite congregatus, has literas nostras indentatas et tripertitas sigillo nostro communiri fecimus, una parte in Archivis Dni. Patris B. et W. Ep̄i. deponenda; una in Archivis Ecclesia Cathedralis Wells; una in Archivis nostris.

Datum in capitulo nostro, vicesimo sexto die Aprilis, Anno Domini, MCCCCCLVIII.

Followed by "Confirmatio Ep̄i. dictæ Cantariæ."

Sealed at Banwell manor, July 1, 1459.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES TOUCHING BRUTON CHURCH.

1417. Richard de Bruton's will. Cf. F.W.W. pamphlet from Down-side Review.

His body to be buried in ecclesia parochiali de B. *in cancellio*.

Exequiæ to be celebrated

Inter canonicos et alios de villa in ecclesia *parochiali*.

Name to be entered in conventional Bederoll "Martologio."

Chantry endowed for one chaplain *in eccl. paroch.*

Marble effigies over his body in *eccl. paroch.*

Image of St. Mary Magdalene to be placed adjoining the

Image of St. Katherine standing in *Cancello*.

Perpetual chaplain at All Saints' altar in Ecclesia de B.

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1429. *John Gregory's* will, Oct. 2.  
 To be buried in Ecclesia B. M. de Bruton.

1519. *John Harman's* will.  
 To be buried in *sepulturā parochianorum* de B.  
 To St. Mary's image in *nave eccl<sup>e</sup> Prioratus de B.*  
 . . . . . Brotherhood in *capella parochiali* de B.  
 Ad opus dictæ novæ capellæ S. M. de B.  
 Ad opus eccl. paroch.

1311. Reg. Drok., fo. 38<sup>a</sup>.  
 Oct. 9. Bishop of Cork commissioned to reconcile after bloodshed the cemetery of the parish church "infra clausum Prioratus de B."

DUNSTER CASTLE MS., p. 133, of Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*.

The following charges were incurred in celebrating at Bruton Priory, the anniversary of Sir John Luttrell, Aug. 6, ninth of Hen. VI. in 1430. Translated from Latin.

|                                                                                    | s. d.          |
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| Candles and torches of wax at 5 <i>d.</i> per lb.                                  | - 4 6          |
| Gifts to 4 poor men bearing torches at obsequies and mass-                         | - - - - 1 4    |
| Gift to the bedesman [ <i>oratori</i> ] for publishing the anniversary in the town | - - - - 1      |
| In oblations                                                                       | - - - - - 2    |
| In bread for the convent and others coming to the obsequies                        | - - - - - 1 3  |
| In beer (14 gallons) for same                                                      | - - - - - 2 4  |
| In wine (1 gallon) for prior                                                       | - - - - - 8    |
| In distribution to prior (40 <i>d.</i> ), and to 15 canons 12 <i>d.</i> each       | - - - - - 18 4 |
| To two secular priests                                                             | - - - - - 1 0  |
| To two clerks                                                                      | - - - - - 4    |
| To six poor men                                                                    | - - - - - 3    |
| For ringing the knell ( <i>classico</i> )                                          | - - - - - 8    |
| To late Sacristan of Priory for wax and making                                     | - - - - - 2 6  |
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This account is rendered by Robert Draper, who was clerk of the household of Sir Hugh Luttrell, Sir John's father, 1423 and 26 (see p. 129, *Dunster and its Lords*).

It does not appear that Sir John was buried at Bruton, or where he was buried, but this official connection with Bruton as patron, entitled him to the prayers of the priory, and the priory to the temporal benefits which were due from the patron in return for spiritual benefits.

The Receiver-general's Roll, 1431-32, shows that Sir John's anniversary was kept up in that year at Dunster, probably at Bruton, and also his father's, Sir Hugh.

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### THE TWO ABBOTS OF BRUTON.

Shortly before its final extinction, the priory of Bruton was raised into an abbey under circumstances which will be presently related: and it is of the two abbots, William Gilbert and John Ely, and the fate of the dissolved canons, that I propose to treat in the following pages.

The first notice that I have found of William Gilbert is in the Register of the University of Oxford,<sup>1</sup> where it is recorded that:—

William Gylbert "regular canon and prior of Brewton in Somerset" disputed as B.D. 15 May, 1506, and received the degree of D.D. on February 8, in the following year.

He was a member of the family of that name, which was seated at Witcombe in the parish of Corton Denham, in the S.E. of the county of Somerset; it was, however, a wide-spread family and had many branches in various parts of the county. The Gilberts of Corton, were related to the FitzJames family.<sup>2</sup> Nicholas Gilbert of Bruton gent. had his will proved, Aug. 2, 1566, he was a near relative of the abbot and received an annuity of 6*l.* from the revenues of the dissolved monastery of Bruton.<sup>3</sup>

Nightingale in his *History of Somerset* (1819), p. 473 says, "Over

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Univ. Oxon. (Boase), I, 45.

<sup>2</sup> Somerset Wills, 5th series, 103, 104. Weaver's *Visitation of Somerset*, 106, 109.

<sup>3</sup> *Somerset Religious Houses*, p. 147.

the north entrance to the church is a shield, with a chevron charged with three roses between W. G." Burke's *Armory* gives the following as the arms of Gilbert of Somerset:—"Ar. on a chevron sa. between three . . . as many roses of the first." In my *Visitation of Somerset*, p. 108, I have given them as:—"Arg. a chevron engrailed between three roses gu." on the authority of a pedigree of Portman which is to be found in a later *Visitation of Somerset* (Harl. Soc. xi, 126). The shield on Bruton church is in favour of the arms first given, and confirms the connection of the abbot with the Somerset family.

This is what Leland (II. 74), writing about 1540, says about Bruton:—

"Ther is in the Market Place of the Toun, a new Crosse of 6 Arches and a piller yn the midle, for Market folkes to stande yn, begon and brought up to *fornix*<sup>1</sup> by Ely laste abbate of Brutun. The abbay ther was afore the Conqueste a place of Monkes founded by Algarus, Erle of Cornewal."

"Moion set Chanons there sins the Conquest and divers of the Moions were buried there."

"One Wylliam Gilbert of late Tyme beyng Prior of Brutun went to Rome, and there procurid first that the name of the Priory of Brutun might be chaungid ynto an Abbay. This Gilbert beyng Abbate did great Cost in the Abbay [of] Brutun in Building, almost re-edifying it."

We do not know when Prior Gilbert went to Rome but it must have been about the year 1510.

The letters "W. G." still remain on the battlement of the north aisle of Bruton Church, and "close by the marks of his friend, Richard FitzJames, on a shield, bearing the Dolphin of his family, the mitre of his office, and the cross swords of the See of London."<sup>2</sup>

Mr. Nightingale in his "*Topographical and Historical Description of the County of Somerset*" (p. 474) which was published about 1819 speaks of Ely's cross as still *in situ*; he says "Its shape is hexagonal. It is supported by six smaller pillars at the angles and a large one in the middle. The roof consists entirely of ribs of arches, which, issuing from the centre, diverge from pillar to pillar, and are elegantly adorned with fine sculpture." It has now entirely disappeared.

<sup>1</sup> *Fornix, an arch*, in allusion to the roof of the Market Cross.

<sup>2</sup> *Ancient Bruton* (Bp. Hobhouse), p. 27.

Maiores in Palastina suff. Nazaren ab 1519 May 13  
Guilelmus Gilbert, abbas mon de Bruton.  
Conrad Eubel Hierarchia Catholica Medii Qvi Vol III p.250. 1910  
This is found in Lists in Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum  
2nd edn. 1897, 150<sup>th</sup> printing in his 1<sup>st</sup> edn. he says Mayo in Ireland.  
Eubel, Brady & Stibbs in <sup>Introduction.</sup> <sup>xlv</sup> ~~the title was held by a suffragan like the abp of Nazaret.~~ - F. W. W.

Three years after taking his degree of D.D. a further honour awaited the prior of Bruton. We have placed his visit to Rome in 1510, for on June 21, 1511, a Royal licence was signed at Eltham and delivered at Knoll on the 24th of the following July, granting to William, prior of St. Mary, Bruton, permission "to change the name of the priory to that of a Monastery and to assume the style of Abbot,"<sup>1</sup> so that for the last twenty-eight years of its existence Bruton enjoyed the distinction of being an abbey.

Wolsey was non-resident bishop of Bath and Wells from 1518-1523 and during the whole of this time the episcopal work had to be performed by deputy.

William Gilbert abbot of Bruton was raised to the episcopate by the title of "Episcopus Maiorensis" i.e. <sup>See note</sup> Mayo in Ireland. The date of his consecration is <sup>alone</sup> <sup>not quite certain</sup>, but it was before 1519, and a great authority asserts that he was suffragan of Wells from 1519-26,<sup>2</sup> that is during nearly the whole of Wolsey's, and for three years of John Clerk's episcopate.

Bishop Hobhouse a few years ago kindly examined Wolsey's register at Wells and said that it showed no suffragan commission whatever, but that Gilbert was once called "suffragan" when he held an ordination; and on March 28, 1525, acting in this capacity, he gave the solemn blessing in the great church of Glastonbury, to Richard Whiting, the newly elected abbot.<sup>3</sup>

There would be at Bruton, as there certainly was at Taunton priory<sup>4</sup> a school for the choir boys and the novices, but this did not satisfy the wants of the neighbourhood, at least so thought certain good and influential persons; and so we find from the foundation deed, which is still extant, that on Sept. 29, 1519,<sup>5</sup> Richard FitzJames, bishop of London, his nephew John FitzJames of Redlynch near Bruton, afterwards Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and Dr. John Edmondes, a native of Bruton, and at this time Chancellor of St. Paul's Cathedral, granted to "William Gilberd Bisshop of Maiorensis and Abbott of the Monastery of our blissed lady of Blyn-

<sup>1</sup> Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII, I, 1819.

<sup>2</sup> Registrum Sacrum Anglicanum (Stubbs), p. 149.

<sup>3</sup> Gasquet's Last Abbot of Glastonbury, p. 38.

<sup>4</sup> Somerset Archaeological Proceedings, vol. ix, part i, p. 56-7.

<sup>5</sup> Somerset and Dorset N. and Q., III, xxii, 272.

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ffeld by Shaston in the councie of Dorset" and other property to found a "ffree scoole." It was intended to be a public school, and also a nursery for regular canons, for the abbot covenanted that he and his successors would take "into their Religion and preferre to the same, parte of such able scolars in vertue and kunning, as shall fro tyme to tyme be brought up in the same scoole." The founders had evidently been stirred up by the example of their friend John Colet, dean of St. Paul's, who founded St. Paul's school in 1510.

By 1532 Sir John FitzJames, the second of these founders, had become Chief Justice of the King's Bench, but during these fifteen years a coolness seems to have arisen between him and his neighbour the venerable abbot of Bruton: their properties intermingled and that is often a source of quarrel: this we suspect is the meaning of the following letter from FitzJames to Cromwell, which is given here as it bears on the election of Abbot Gilbert's successor. It is dated at Redlinche, near Bruton, 9 Sept., 1532.<sup>1</sup>

"The Abbey of Brewton is within a mile of my house. The abbot is sick and old, and upon his death or resignation the monks desire to have one that I dislike. The Abbot has been to me an unkind neighbour, and I would gladly have a better one. The house is not of the King's foundation, but of Sir Andrew Lutterells [the Lutterells succeeded the Mohuns as Patrons] and he and his ancestors have given the monks licence for election. But still the King's letter and your policy can do much in the matter . . . I shall be glad to know what applications have been made to you in the matter."

On the 24th Sept. Cromwell writes from London in answer to the above.<sup>2</sup>

"Has received his letter and has accordingly moved the King touching the election of the Abbot of Bruton . . . as he understands that both you and Lord Lisle sue for the advancement of the same person to be abbot there, he has directed his letters for that purpose. But if you see cause to stay the election for the trial of his title, 'his Grace is therewith right well contented, so that his Highness may be remembered somewhat, like as your Lordship wrote unto me in your last which he only remitteth to your wisdom and discretion. He would as fain that ye were well neighoured as ye would yourself'

<sup>1</sup> *Letters and Papers*, Hen. VIII, V, 1304.

<sup>2</sup> *L. & P.*, V, 1340.

will always be ready to do his Lordship's service in this and other things."

The election *was* postponed, for on April 11th, 1533, Gilbert was still abbot and the licence for the two annual fairs, held on the eve, day and morrow of St. George, and on the eve, day and morrow of the Nativity of St. Mary, was renewed "with a court of pie-powder at the said fairs before the steward of the said abbot and convent with the same tolls and customs as at 'Bartilmew fair.'"<sup>1</sup>

He died, however, before the 14th of the following July, for on that day a writ was issued from Westminster to the Escheator of Somersetshire for restitution of the manor of the Stonyeston on the election of John Elye as abbot, whose fealty is ordered to be taken by Sir John FitzJames for divers manors belonging to the said monastery.<sup>2</sup>

The good Abbot Gilbert was buried in the church beneath a beautiful altar tomb.

Nightingale writing *circa* 1819 says (he may be quoting an earlier writer) "Abbot Gilbert's tomb still remains in the north-west corner of the church close to the wall; in the rebuilding of which, his skull was laid open."<sup>3</sup>

The tomb was moved into the churchyard sometime before 1824;<sup>4</sup> it was again moved further west and now stands on the right of the western entrance to the churchyard, it is much weathered, but still shows signs of great beauty of design.

The Chief Justice had secured the election of the man of his choice, as abbot, against the wish of the majority of the canons and we are not surprised to find that the peace of the community was soon broken.

On 16 Sept. 1533, exactly two months after John Elye's election, Edward, Lord Stourton writes to Cromwell to complain that the present abbot withholds from a certain John White, a servant of the house, an annuity of 10/. which had been granted by his predecessor and the convent, and begs Cromwell's charitable interference in the matter.<sup>5</sup>

<sup>1</sup> L. & P., VI, g. 417 (18).

<sup>2</sup> L. & P., VI, g. 929 (38).

<sup>3</sup> *Topographical and Historical Description of the County of Somerset*, by Nightingale, p. 473.

<sup>4</sup> From a picture of Bruton Church and Churchyard in Sir R. C. Hoare's *Monastic Remains*, 1824.

<sup>5</sup> L. & P., VI, 1132.

From subsequent letters we gather that John White revenged himself by bringing a charge of treason against the abbot and thus tried to ruin him.

In less than a month, the new abbot was in hot water again on a fresh charge. Although Cromwell had asserted that both FitzJames and Lord Lisle wished for the election of the same man, yet the nominee had soon fallen out with one of his patrons. On October 7, 1533, less than three months after his election, Lady Lisle writes from Calais to Cromwell.<sup>1</sup>

"I thank you for your constant goodness to my Lord and me. I beg your favour to the bearer [John Legat] who is like to have much wrong by the abbot of Brewton for having killed a man in self-defence. He has his pardon, but the abbot seeks to put him from his living, mainly from malice to my Lord and me. If you knew how much my Lord has done for the abbot, you would say he was a churl, as Leonard Smyth can tell you."

John Legat writes from London (letter not dated) to Lady Lisle to say that he is still in trouble with the abbot, that he has served him with a writ to appear before the Lord Chancellor but that the Lord Chief Justice stands his friend and causes him to bide at home: and as long as he has his goodwill "he sets by no man," nevertheless he trusts to put him to some pain before he has done with him.<sup>2</sup>

It is now time to hear the abbot's defence; he writes from Bruton to Lady Lisle, Jan. 28, 1533-4. He defends himself against a charge of having used unfitting language: Whyte has reported ill of him to her ladyship and to others. He is in a manner compelled to take him again; if it had happened in his master's, the late Sir John Basset's time, White would not have obtained his purpose. Though she says that she repents of having spoken for him, he hopes she will yet be joyful of his promotion.<sup>3</sup>

On the 28th of May following the abbot writes to her again and says:—

"You and my lord shall have my prayers during my life, whatever has been reported of me . . . I doubt not you have already weighed the character of those who have made reports of me."<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> L. & P., VI, 1235.

<sup>3</sup> L. & P., VII, 120.

<sup>2</sup> L. & P., VI, 1236.

<sup>4</sup> L. & P., VII, 723.

The Ld C. is a  
very good lord to  
me. I thank  
you master  
Reynell d.

On Aug. 10, 1534, John Ely, abbot, and 17 canons signed the Acknowledgment of the Royal Supremacy.

Truly John Ely was a man who had many enemies ; the abbey possessed a manor called Runcton in Sussex, and we now hear in a letter from Thomas Lord Lawarr to Cromwell, that the latter had written to the abbot with respect to John Downer, of Mundham in Sussex, whom the abbot had threatened to put out of his copyhold for felling “scrubbyd okys” which were necessary for his hedges.

Lord Lawarr as the abbot’s steward naturally takes his part, he tells Cromwell that Downer is a troublesome man and a bad neighbour, and offers Cromwell 20 nobles “to buy him a horse” if he will rid him out of his copyhold. He says the abbot will give Downer 10*l.* if he will leave at Michaelmas next. The letter is dated “at my poor house,” 7 Dec., 1534.<sup>1</sup>

We do not know how the dispute ended, but the abbot had soon to meet a much more serious charge at home. A section of the canons made a party against him, and it seems to have been a bad day for the abbot when he refused John White’s annuity. We next hear of certain [undated but probably 1534] “Interrogatories to be put to Richard Halford, Canon of the Abbey of Brewton” touching his having obtained a licence from the Archbishop of Canterbury to go out of the said abbey and be abroad in a secular clerk’s habit, and touching certain erasures and alterations in the said licence and where and when they were made. Also as to what crimes he knows to have been committed by the abbot of Brewton John Ely, or of what crimes he suspected him ; whether he, John Harold, one Harte, a brother of his, and Whit a servant of the house, conspired together to accuse the abbot of treason and when and where they did so ; whether the deponent did not exhort the conspirators to stick surely in the matter, and whether they had conspired the abbot’s death and why.<sup>2</sup>

For this accusation Richard Halford soon found himself in prison for on June 12, 1536, takes place,

The examination of Richard Halford, monk of Brewton abbey, at the Fleet before Thomas Bedyll of the Council 12 June, 28 H8. [The questions are not given.]

I and 2 are true.

<sup>1</sup> L. & P., VII, 1513.

<sup>2</sup> L. & P., VII, 1679.

3. In the licence the word *prioratus* was erased and *monasterii* substituted by the clerk who wrote it as far as he knows.

Mr. Underhill who procured the licence showed him this. To the rest of the interrogatories he says that after the licence was obtained under the seals of the King and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Wattes, Underhill's servant, showed it him, with the confirmation. Told Wattes the licence was not good, because of the word *prioratus* and wrote to Underhill advertising him to have it made good but requiring him not to have it rased.

About three weeks ago, Wattes brought them both back rased and amended, saying they were good enough, being amended by him that first wrote them. Showed them 6 or 7 days after to the abbot, who found the same fault. Underhill procured the licence and confirmation without any reward or promise, except that Halford paid the ordinary charges 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

## II. Another examination the same day.

I. Knows no crime against the abbot that he can prove. To the rest says that he never conspired with the said "Harold, Hert or Whight" or any other to accuse the abbot of treason or conspired his death or other displeasure. Does not know that Harold, Hert and White conspired to accuse him of treason or to compass his death, but about two years ago Harold gave Sir William Sturton, now Lord Sturton, a bill of accusation against the abbot in White's chamber. Sir William asked Halford about it, and he answered that he never heard that the abbot had used any such words.

The next morning told the abbot thereof who denied the words. Harold, however, asserted that he heard him speak the words against the Queen [*i.e.* Anne Boleyn] in the hearing of the prior and two or three other canons.

Had no communication with Hert about it except that he said he was sorry that Harold had made the accusation. White told him Harold had said he had heard the abbot use unfitting words about the Queen.

Had no communication with the prior or any other canons about it. The abbot has been abbot about four years, and Halford has been canon professed for 18 or 19 years. Thinks in his conscience that the abbot never used these words, but that Harold and White conspired to accuse him wrongfully. Harold is about 24 years of age, and has been canon professed 7, 8 or 9

years. White is 40 years, and has been servant 7 or 8 years "by me Richard Alford."<sup>1</sup>

This quarrel went on for three years. Then came the end, for on April 1, 1539, Dr. John Tregonwell received the surrender of the house and assigned the pensions which are given below. It will be noticed that Richard Halford's name appears at the bottom of the list.

The fate of John Ely is involved in obscurity, he was allowed to hold his office till the Dissolution and received a pension of 8*cl.* per annum, but the following fact is at least ominous.

In a list of prisoners in the Tower of London (dated November, 1539) there is an entry to this effect: "John Ele, priest, came from Windsor."<sup>2</sup> His name does not occur in Pole's Pension List so that he presumably died before the date of that document (24 February, 1555-6). On August 12, 1541, a "certain Master John Elye, priest, was admitted to the perpetual vicarage of Poclechurch (Glos.), patrons the dean and chapter of Wells" (*Reg. Worc.*).

This man *may be* identical with the last abbot of Bruton, but we have no proof of it. The vicar made his will March 28, 1548, and it was proved April 18 following, it is at Somerset House (P.C.C. 5 Populwell). I have made a copy of it, there is nothing in it to show any connection with Bruton, he desires to be buried "in the chancel of Pokylchurche."

Signatures of the abbot and canons to the deed of surrender, dated April 1, 1539.

Bruton—Abbey—Austin Canons. "Monasterium sive Abbatia et ecclesia B. M. V. de Brewton in com. Som. ordinis S. Augustini."

per me Johem Elye, Abbatem.  
 Ricard Bugge, priorem.  
 Ric. Bischoppe.  
 Johnes Gylys.  
 Thomas Yetton.  
 Rycharde Sartor.  
 Ric. Harte.  
 John Dunster.

<sup>1</sup> L. P., X, 1126. Archbold's *Somerset Religious Houses*, pp. 57-61.

<sup>2</sup> I am indebted to Mr. Maxwell Lyle for this note: (Cotton MS. Titus, B. I., f. 129).

Under Bruton.

Johnnes Elye subscivit anno 1539.

Robart Well.  
 Willm Berges.  
 Hugh Backwell.  
 Jokes Harroll.  
 Wylhelm' Wyton.  
 John Spyser.  
 John Caslyn.

(Little of the seal remains).

The foregoing list is taken from the VIIIth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, appendix II., pp. 7-51.

Against the name of John Elye is a curious mark  $\simeq \overline{u} \overline{v} \overline{v}$  which I have tried to reproduce, but of which I cannot find out the meaning. Richard *Sartor* must be the same as Richard Stacye I suppose. Richard Alford's name does not appear, he was apparently away from Bruton, perhaps in disgrace, possibly in prison still; but in the pension list his name is restored at the bottom of the list with a pension of 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

### The Pension List of Bruton Abbey.<sup>1</sup>

|                                |   |   | £  | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------|---|---|----|----|----|
| John Elye, abbot               | - | - | 80 | 0  | 0  |
| Rich. Bogye, prior             | - | - | 7  | 0  | 0  |
| Rich. Bisshopp, subprior       | - | - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| Rich. Herte, B. D., chamberer  | - | - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| John Gyles, fermerer           | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| Thomas Eton, cellerer          | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| John Dunster, B.D., chaunter   | - | - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| Robert Welles, stuard          | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| William Burges, fraterer       | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| William Wyton, LL.B., chaplain | - | - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| Rich. Stacye                   | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| John Harrold, scholar in Oxon  | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| Hugh Backwell, scholar in Oxon | - | - | 6  | 0  | 0  |
| John Spicer                    | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| John Castelyne                 | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |
| Rich. Alvorde                  | - | - | 5  | 6  | 8  |

<sup>1</sup> *Somerset Religious Houses* (Archbold), p. 121.

This list shows that several of the canons of Bruton were graduates of the University of Oxford. I give below their degrees and the reference to the register of that university, edited by the late Mr. Boase and published by the Oxford Historical Society :—

John Eley, abbot, B.A., R.U.O., I. 82.  
 Rich. Bishop, B.A., I. 80.  
 Rich. Harte, B.D., I. 148.  
 John Dunster, B.D., I. 156.  
 Will. Wilton, M.A., I. 143.

Thus at the time of the Dissolution the abbot and four of the canons were graduates of Oxford, while two of the junior members of the house were "scholars" there; they evidently had to leave the university when their support was cut off: for the names of neither of them are to be found in the register. Hugh Backwell became a vicar choral in Wells cathedral. His father's name was Tynte and he was born at Backwell, he witnesses the will of a brother vicar choral on February 1, 1545-6<sup>1</sup> as Sir Hugh Tynte *alias* Backwell; on September 1, 1554 Hugh Tinte was instituted rector of Kingweston, he resigned in 1558.<sup>2</sup> Whether this is the same man or not I do not know, but I do know that our Bruton friend was buried in the churchyard belonging to Wells cathedral, for on May 20, 1559, Richard Camell, vicar choral of Wells, makes his will and desires to be buried "in cemiterio ecclesie Welles *juxta corpus Hugonis Backwell defuncti.*"<sup>3</sup>

Of John Harrold the other "scholar in Oxon," I can find no trace. John Spicer went to Oxford after the Dissolution and took his B.A. degree March 7, 1541-2 (R.U.O., I. 203), he afterwards became incumbent of a "service" in the church of Wellington, and was pensioned when the chantries were dissolved in 1548;<sup>4</sup> he probably was a native of Bruton, for Edward Spicer was one of the governors of the Grammar School, July 23, 14 Elizabeth (1572). Of Richard Halford or Alford of whom we have heard so much, all I know is that in March, 1545-6 we find him acting as one of the two chantry priests celebrating in the parish church of Shepton Mallet.<sup>5</sup> Harte,

<sup>1</sup> From the writer's MS. Collections.

<sup>2</sup> *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 119.

<sup>3</sup> From the writer's MS. Collections.

<sup>4</sup> S. R. S., II, 28.

<sup>5</sup> *Inventories of Somerset Chantries*, printed in the *Reliquary* (1851).

Bishop, Dunster, Backwell, Alford, Burgh, Welles, Stacye, Castlyn and Harrold were all living in Feb. 1555-6 the date of Cardinal Pole's pension list.<sup>1</sup>

"The site of the Abbey, the home estates and impropriated tithes and patronage of Bruton and all its chapelries were first leased and then sold to Sir Maurice Berkley in 1541. Nothing was retained for any sacred purpose but the churches and the stipend of five chaplains namely Bruton 8*l.*, Brewham 6*l.*, Pitcombe 5*l.*, Redlynch 4*l.*, Wyke 4*l.*, in all 27*l.*, a spoliation which has left its mark upon the religious condition of the neighbourhood." So writes the learned Bishop Hobhouse in his very interesting sketch of *Ancient Bruton* before referred to. These cures continued in the first instance to be served by the former canons of the abbey. Richard Bishop (formerly sub-prior) was serving Pitcombe from 1542-1548, and living at Bruton continued to do so till his death.

His burial at Bruton on May 12, 1566, is recorded in the Bruton Registers.

In a Pitcombe will dated 1548 he is styled "Richard Busshope curat of Pitcome," and the testator leaves to him "one sheppe."<sup>2</sup>

The fate of the other canons, gathered chiefly from extracts from wills at the Wells District Probate Registry, is as follows:—

1. Richard Herte attests a Brewham will as "curat of Brewham," 2 December, 1538, *i.e.*, a few months before the surrender.
2. "Sir Robert Wellys" attests two Brewham wills in 1540 and 1541, which shows that he was serving that cure at these dates. "Sir Robar Wells" attests a Batcombe will dated 3 April, 1556.

In 1548 Robert Wether *alias* Wells of the age of 68 years was incumbent of one of the chantries in Wells cathedral, but I think that he is a different man from the Bruton canon.

Robert Wellis admitted B.A. 1524 sup. for D.D. October, 1540 [Fasti, 106], R.U.O., I. 135, is probably *not* the Bruton canon.

3. William Burge, clerk, of the age of 51 years was in 1548 incumbent of one of the four chantries founded by bishop

<sup>1</sup> *Somerset Religious Houses*, 147.

<sup>2</sup> From the writer's MS. Collections.

Nicholas Bubwith in Wells cathedral [Somerset Chantries, 160], he may be identical with "Will Burges, fraterer," at any rate the former's name is spelt *Burges* in several wills of Wells persons.

4. John Dunster, S.T.B., was instituted rector of Kingsdon, 11 December, 1556, and held the benefice till his death in 1558 (*Somerset Incumbents*, 118). A man of the same name was at the Dissolution prior of Sherborne abbey, but the degree shows that the Bruton canon was rector of Kingsdon.
5. Richard Stacye became curate of Baltonsborough, a parish near Glastonbury, and in that capacity he attests wills dated: 19 June, 1544; 22 October, 1545; 12 December, 1545; 1 November, 1546. In the last, William Goodsone "prist of Glaston," who I think was one of the Glastonbury monks, leaves to "Sir Richard Stacy, curate of Balsborow, my best typgett."

1588, April 22. John Stacye, and Elizabeth } Pitcombe  
Townsend married, } Register.  
1602, December 24. Lawrence Stacie, buried }

6. Sir John Gylis attests a will dated 14 March, 1540-1, as "curate of Chewton."
7. Thomas Horte *alias* Yetton, "of thage of lxvj yeres an impotent and lame man," incumbent of "The Guylde of Stokelane *alias* Michell Stoke, within the paryshe of Doultyng" [Somerset Chantries, 120] I am not sure of the identity of the two last.

### *The Destruction of the Buildings.*

When the *Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society* visited Bruton in August, 1857, the late Mr. J. G. Bord read a paper on Bruton (see vol. vii, p. 10) which contained these words; "The manor of Brewton was granted by the crown in 37 Henry VIII to Sir Maurice Berkeley, who made Bruton abbey his residence by converting it into a mansion. . . . The great hall of the abbey was destroyed by fire on Michaelmas Day 1763, and the abbey was taken down A.D. 1786."

Later on the handsome range of stables was taken down in part and converted into a residential house for the curate of the church. To commemorate the former existence of a monastic establishment at this place, the following tablet was affixed to the walls of the house :

“ HÆC DOMUS  
E RELIQUIIS  
ABBATIÆ OLIM DE BRUTON  
CONSTRUCTA  
ET AD USUM ECCLESIAE  
NUPER CONVERSA  
ANNO 1822.  
R. C. HOARE, PATRONO.”<sup>1</sup>

The abbey estate was purchased by the Hoare family from the representatives of the Berkeleys (of whom the Bruton branch had recently become extinct) ; in 1777 it was purchased jointly by Henry Hoare of Stourhead, Esq., and Richard Hoare of Barn Elms, Esq., and was settled on Sir Richard Colt Hoare, Bart.<sup>2</sup>

The spoliation of the abbey and the gradual destruction of it speedily ensued, for in the churchwardens' accounts of this parish (Milton Clevedon) under date 1790, there is an entry to the effect that the tower of Milton church was “built with 1192 feet of stone from Bruton Abbey.”

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<sup>1</sup> *Monastic Remains*, by Sir R. C. Hoare, p. 72.

<sup>2</sup> *Ditto*, p. 60.

## MONTACUTE AND THE CONGREGATION OF CLUNY.

The history of the Cluniac Order presents us with features of special interest in the general history of the development of the monastic idea in Christendom. In many ways it was parallel with the history of the regular canons of St. Augustine. As we have already seen, the church had perceived at a very early date that some system was necessary to bind the parochial clergy together, that their education might be improved and their spiritual life deepened. And so we have the history which has been recorded in the previous section on Bruton. But meanwhile there was that great and increasing crowd of religious outside the ranks of the clergy and slowly losing touch with the monastic system of St. Benedict of Nursia. Many a warning voice was raised by holy and wise churchmen of the eighth and ninth centuries, against the prevailing laxity of the monasteries, and against the variety, and even the absence, of definite rules of monastic life. Benedict, a Goth born in the city of Maguelone, and once a warrior in the train of the great Karl, endeavoured to bring back the monastic world to the principles of his great namesake. In 776 he forsook the Court and found refuge in the monastery of St. Seine. There his austerity and simplicity soon aroused the opposition of his fellow monks, though when the abbot died, their conscience and their knowledge of his remarkable fitness for the office compelled them to offer him the vacant post. But Benedict refused, aware, as he was, of the divergency of views between himself and the majority of his comrades, and with two or three companions of zeal and earnestness, withdrew and founded a monastery on the banks of the Aniane. Here he was so successful that in 782 he had to rebuild his earlier settlement and provide accommodation for 1,000 monks, so great had his fame become and so great was the influence he exerted. In 814 when Hlodwig succeeded his father Karl, Benedict came into greater favour at the Court, and the monastery of the Inde, which Hlodwig gave him, became the head-quarters from which Benedict watched the growth of the monastic spirit in Aquitaine, Burgundy and Septimannia. In 817, was held at Aachen a council at which Benedict presided and in which was drawn up his code of monastic rules. In the previous year a similar council was held for the framing

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of rules for the lives of canons and canonesses. The rules of Benedict consisted of some 70 canons and in them he endeavoured to accomplish some uniformity in monastic life. He took as the foundation for his code the rule of his great namesake, and he tried to bring all other rules and systems, such as that of St. Columbanus, into conformity with it. But Benedict was a reformer within the existing circle of monastic life. So greatly had the rule of St. Benedict of Nursia been neglected that the second Benedict was sometimes said to have been the author of the code of the fifth century. The age was not prepared for anything new. It was enough to remind men how far they had wandered from the teaching of the founder of Monte Cassino. That and the example of religious fervour and monastic zeal which Benedict showed them, was as much as his generation was prepared to accept.

A hundred years afterwards came the next step. This was no longer a reform of what existed but a development of it. The monks of Cluny were certainly Benedictines, but they were something more, and though the connection was very close, yet they kept themselves quite distinct from the older order. Their system was founded on the earlier one, but it was more rigid, and it displayed peculiarities which had not been seen before. It was founded through the munificence of William, Count of Auvergne, who about 909 invited his relative Berno, abbot of Gigni, to choose a place in his dominions on which to found a monastery. Berno chose Cluny, a retired spot on the river Grone, about 12 miles N.W. of Macon, in the province of Burgogne. He began work, it is said, with the usual twelve companions, and the success which followed his efforts brought him many requests that he would undertake the reform of neighbouring monasteries of the Benedictine order. One feature of special importance in the foundation of Cluny was that, after Berno, the monastery was to be free to elect its own abbot without any interference from the descendants of the founder. Another element of strength was the union and subordination of later foundations to the rule of the Abbot of Cluny. No priory could be independent of the abbot of the parent monastery, it was not allowed to elect its own prior, he was appointed by special commission from Cluny. Even an ordinary monk had to travel to Cluny to be professed in the monastic chapel there. And this system of union of the priories and cells of the order and subordination of authority ensured that perfection of discipline

which for the age was especially necessary. Up to that time the Benedictine foundations were sustained by their obedience to a code of rules, and the vigilance of the abbot. The new order of Cluny, equally dependent for much of its discipline on the same code, was further strengthened by the oneness of the congregation which bound all its members together in the common tie of obedience to the Abbot of Cluny. This was its great feature and the cause of its early success. It was founded on the rule of St. Benedict, but was a more rigorous system, and less weight was given to the personal influence of the priors of the allied houses.

Berno died in 927, and was succeeded by Odo, whose greater fame has almost eclipsed that of Berno as founder of the order. Nor was the influence of Odo confined to Aquitaine or Burgundy. Three times he visited Italy to undertake the reformation of monasteries where the spiritual life was decayed or to procure advantages for his own particular home. Under him and his successor Aymard, the system of Cluny spread through Burgundy, Aquitaine and Neustria, and in Majolus the congregation had an abbot who had refused the papacy, and in Odilo—*rex Odilo*,<sup>1</sup> the satirists of the time called him—a saint whose prayers had brought comfort to the troubled soul of Benedict VIII. In later times the congregation was divided into 10 provinces of Dauphigny, Auvergne, Poitou, Saintonge, Gascony; Spain, Italy, Lombardy, Germany and Burgundy, England and Scotland.

When in the course of time the Benedictines had thoroughly organised themselves, and Cistercians and Carthusians and other new developments of monastic fervour had left the rigorous system of Cluny far behind in the competition for that patronage which procured the bounty of the laity, the order became more and more a distinctly French foundation and naturally as such ceased to exert any but a limited influence. In England, in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, the congregation was especially distrusted until by a severance of their obedience they became a recognised national system.

The first foundation in England was that of Lewes in Sussex, founded in 1077 by William of Warren and Gundrada his wife, and four years afterwards Earl Roger of Shrewsbury founded a similar

<sup>1</sup> Adalbero Carm. ad Rodbert regem, 115.

house at Wenlock. The prior of Lewes seems always to have had an official position over the English houses, acting generally as the vice-chamberlain of the Abbot of Cluny. At the time of the Dissolution there were about forty-eight priories and subordinate cells, of which the greater number had been founded before the reign of Henry II. and the last Cluniac foundation is said to have been that of Slevesham in Norfolk.

The house at Montacute was due to the munificence of William, Count of Mortain in 1102, and it became almost immediately the refuge of the defeated ætheling Eadmund and the scene of his death. On the hill top of Lutgaresbury, as Montacute was wont to be called, in his lordship in Somerset, there had been found that miraculous crucifix in honour of which Tofig the great Danish thegn had built, and Earl Harold enlarged, the minster at Waltham. The miraculous nature of the crucifix had been discovered in the time of Cnut<sup>1</sup> and there seems subsequently to have been settled there a college of priests. When Robert of Mortain, brother of the Conqueror, was adding manor to manor of his vast estates in the south-west, he obtained by exchange the hill which became then known as Montacute, and built on it a castle to overawe the district around. How the Cluniac foundation of William, son of Robert, got possession of the earlier ecclesiastical foundation and the Norman castle, the charters themselves relate. Among the priors it will be noticed that until the time of Henry IV. they all have foreign names, and their connection with France and dependence on Cluny was at once a cause of decay and a reason for the subsequent action of the crown. Among the petitions to the crown<sup>2</sup> in the reign of Edward III. (4 Edward III.), 1330, is one called *Supplicatio Cluniacensium* in which this dependence on Cluny is severely condemned. It declares that there is great decay among the Cluniac priories and a general decline of numbers, particularly at Bermondsey and Montacute; large sums of money were being sent out of the country and the rents of English acres went to support subjects of the French King. French monks were said to rule everything, and English monks were always being kept in subjection. Owing to the rule that monks could only be professed at Cluny there were said to

<sup>1</sup> *Tract. de invent. S. Crucis.*

<sup>2</sup> *Dugdale's Monasticon*, vol. v. p. viii.

be only twenty monks in the province ; some monks were forty years before they were professed, and some had never been professed at all. The houses also were exempt from visitation by the Archbishop or the bishops or by any one of the English nation. The result of the petition was an order that the priors and abbots amend the cause of complaint. The outbreak of the French war and the influence of the French nation on the popes at Avignon made these purely French priories a source of danger which at the time was not lost sight of. In 1339<sup>1</sup> the advowson of Montacute was handed over by the crown to William de Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, and in 1414 the possession of these alien priories were placed in perpetuity in the King's hands except so far as they had become denizens by renouncing their allegiance to Cluny and recognising the grantee of the advowson as their patron. This Montacute did in 1407, and therefore from that date till the Dissolution it remained a distinctly English monastery. The four dependent cells of Holne, St. Karroc, Karswell and Malpas went with it in this change of allegiance. Holne was in Dorset, St. Karroc in Cornwall in the parish of St. Veep, Karswell in Devon, in the parish of Broad Hembury, and Malpas in Monmouth near the junction of the Ebwy with the Usk. In 1457 a deputation of these monks arrived in England from Cluny to petition Henry VI. for the restitution of the connection between Cluny and the English priories. The loss of obedience seemed to be a more serious matter than the loss of tribute. The incident, however, served only to make more definite the severance of the English houses and to unite them under a new organisation of which the prior of Lewes was the head.

Four Cluniac cells fell in 1525, when Wolsey dissolved forty small monasteries to endow his two foundations at Oxford and Ipswich. The suppression of Montacute is related below.

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<sup>1</sup> Cf. No. 214.

## THE FATE OF THE MONTACUTE MONKS.

Montacute Priory surrendered to Dr. Petre on March 20, 1538-9, and the following pensions were awarded :—

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           | £     | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-------|----|----|
| Robert Whitloke <i>alias</i> Gibbes, prior,<br>(with a mansion in E. Chinnock<br>for life)                                                                                                                         | - - - - - | 80    | 0  | 0  |
| Robert Warrener, subprior                                                                                                                                                                                          | - - - - - | 12    | 0  | 0  |
| John Cogen                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - - - - - | 8     | 0  | 0  |
| Thomas Taunton <i>alias</i> Chiswaye                                                                                                                                                                               | - - - - - | 7     | 0  | 0  |
| Thomas Hurme                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - - - - - | 7     | 0  | 0  |
| William Dyer                                                                                                                                                                                                       | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| John Crybbe                                                                                                                                                                                                        | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| John Webbe                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| John Clerke, prior of Malpace                                                                                                                                                                                      | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| Robert Briande                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| Lawrens Herforde                                                                                                                                                                                                   | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| John Walles, prior of the cell of<br>Holme, is appointed to serve the<br>cure of Holme and to have yearly<br>for his labour, £8, and if he happen<br>to be impotent or lame, then he<br>is to have for his pension | - - - - - | 6     | 13 | 4  |
| William Wynter                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - - - - - | 5     | 6  | 8  |
| John Palle                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - - - - - | 5     | 6  | 8  |
| John Symes                                                                                                                                                                                                         | - - - - - | 5     | 6  | 8  |
| William Crise                                                                                                                                                                                                      | - - - - - | 5     | 0  | 0  |
| William Rogers                                                                                                                                                                                                     | - - - - - | 4     | 13 | 4  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           | <hr/> |    |    |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |           | £186  | 6  | 8  |

I have compared this list, which is taken from Archbold's *Somerset Religious Houses*, p. 122-3, with the pension list in the Bodleian Library (Rawlinson MS. B. 419), and the latter reads Thomas *Ham* for Thomas *Hurme* and Lawrens *Hertford* for Lawrens *Herforde*. I

believe the Rawlinson MS. to be correct, and *Hurme* is probably a misreading of *Hamme*.

Dr. Gasquet in his work, *Henry VIII and the English Monasteries*, gives the names of four cells belonging to Montacute Priory: Carswell (Devon) S. of Exeter; St. Cyrus (Cornwall) near East Looe; Holme (Dorset) W. of Abbotsbury; Malpas (Monmouth) S.E. of Chepstow. The two last of these are mentioned in the pension list, and the two first are counted as part of the Montacute property. See *Somerset Religious Houses*, p. 213, where we suppose that "cell of St. Karoch" is the same as "St. Cyrus."

Of the seventeen monks named above no less than twelve were living at the date of Cardinal Pole's Pension List (February 24, 1555-6) their names are given as.<sup>1</sup>

Robert Gibbes *alias* Whitelock.  
 Robert Warren.  
 Thomas Taunton.  
 William Dyer.  
 John Crybbe.  
 John Webbe.  
 John Clerke.  
 William Wynter.  
 John Pawley.  
 John Symmes.  
 William Crese.  
 John (*sic*) Rogers.

Taking the names in the pension list in order, I have not been able to discover very much as to the fate of the monks.

Robert Sherborne, *alias* Whitlocke *alias* Gibbes the prior, had a pension of £80, and for a dwelling house a mansion in East Chinnock with a garden adjoining. It is evident from his will, which is given *in extenso* at the conclusion of these notes, that he died at East Chinnock to which church he leaves 13*s. 4d.* He died between June 2 and September 15, 1560, thus having lived a little over 21 years from the time of the dissolution of his house. He mentions in his will four of the monks of Montacute—Dyer, Cryssey, Rogers and Palle.

<sup>1</sup> *Somerset Religious Houses*, p. 146.

In *Somerset Chantries*, p. 9, we find that in 1548, William Dyer, clerk, incumbent (not resident) of the chantry founded in the church of South Petherton by Henry, late Earl of Bridgwater, received yearly from the chantry funds towards his living £6. We have, however, no proof that this person is identical with the Montacute monk of the same name, but it is interesting to note that Montacute and South Petherton are neighbouring parishes.

John Crybbe was instituted rector of Keinton Mandeville August 14, 1554, and resigned in 1560. (*Somerset Incumbents*, p. 113.)

In 1541 Sir John Webbe attests a will as "curat of Bledon."<sup>1</sup> but his identity with the monk of Montacute is doubtful.

William Wynter attests the will dated October 1, 1541, of Thomas Chard, bishop of Selymbria and formerly prior of Montacute, then residing at Taunton. The bishop leaves his old friend "a salte of sylver with a cover parcell gylte and a sylver cuppe with a cover and the bed that he lieth in with all the appurtenance." Proc. S.A.S. xxxvii. ii. 11.

Sir Thomas Symmes, rector of Compton Martin, Somerset, in his will dated September 10, 1543, bequeaths to "my cosyn Sir John Symys my best gowlne and my sasnot typpyt." Sir John Symys attests the will: he may be identical with the Montacute monk, but the name is not an uncommon one in the county.

Of Sir William Crysse, Cryssey, or Crese, we have more definite information: he attested two wills of parishioners of Dundry, a "capella" in the parish of Chew, bearing date August 22, 1542 and March 4, 1543-4, and in each case the testator speaks of him as "my gostly father."

The following is the will of the last prior of Montacute: it is enrolled at Somerset House [46 Mellersh] and has been printed in Proc. S.A.S. xxxviii.

"In the name of God, Amen. The seconde daye of June, in the yere of ower lorde God 1560.

I, Roberte Gybbes, clarke, *quondam prior Montis Acuti* hole of mynde and memorie, cäulinge to remembraunce the words of Allmichtie God *memento homo quod pulvis es et in pulverem reverteris, et iterum, Omnis caro fenum*, and that the lief of man ys like to a

<sup>1</sup> These notes from wills at Wells District Probate Registry are from the writer's MS. collections.

flower of the fieldie that groweth todaye and tomorrowwe ys caste into the furnes to be burnte lett a very man consider what he was in his mother's belly and how he hath ledd his lyef in this myserable worlde and that at his departinge oute of the same shall carrie nothinge awaye butt only his good deeds and badd *et qui bona egerunt ibunt in vitam eternam qui vero mala in ignem eternum.* All these things remembred with perfect memorie I utterly forsake and renounce this wretched and miserable worlde and all things contained yn the same and ordaine and make this to be my laste will and testamente in this manner and forme followinge, that is to saye first I give and bequeath my sowle to Almighty God trustinge to be numbered with the hollye and electe Saints of God at the terrible daye of Judgments, and my boddie I commend to holly buriall that is to saye to be buried in the Chancell of the parrishe Church of Saynte Katherin at Mountegue."

To the Cathedral Churche of Wells ijs, to the s<sup>d</sup>. parish churche of St. Katherin xx<sup>s</sup> and one great cofer, bounde with iron.

To the church of Est Chinnocke xij<sup>s</sup> iiijd

Ch. of Westcocer ijs Ch. of Hardington ijs

Ch. of Tyntenhull ijs Ch. of Mudford ijs

Ch. of Clowseworth ijs Ch. of Chrych ijs

Ch. of Middle Chinnock ijs Ch. of Haselbare ijs

Ch. of Crukern one cope of crimsen velvet.

To Mr. Thomas ffrecke, vicar of Mountegue xx<sup>s</sup>

Sir William Dyer,<sup>1</sup> parson of North Perrot xx<sup>s</sup>

Sir William Rogers,<sup>2</sup> vicar of Est Chinnoke xx<sup>s</sup>

my frende Mr. Hawker xx<sup>s</sup>

my frende Thomas Norman<sup>3</sup> xx<sup>s</sup>

Sir William Cryssey<sup>1</sup> vjs viijd

my brother^ Walter Gybbes vjli xij<sup>s</sup> iiijd and my horse myll.

<sup>1</sup> Sir Wm. Dyer and Sir Wm. Cryssey were monks of Montacute.

<sup>2</sup> Sir Wm. Rogers, another monk of Montacute, succeeded Sir John Webbe, a brother monk, who was instituted to this benefice (formerly in the gift of the priory), January 27th,

1541.

<sup>3</sup> He had an annuity of 53s. 4d. out of the revenues of Montacute.

Sir Robarte Gybbes, the sonne of the s<sup>d</sup> Walter, one fetherbed with all thyngs belonginge to the same, all my gownes with certain books, one lymbeck,<sup>1</sup> one stillatorie and xx dosens of glasse, part of every sorte.

Thomas Gibbes, the sonne of the s<sup>d</sup> Walter, xx<sup>s</sup> and one fetherbed.

John Gibbes, son of the s<sup>d</sup> Walter, xx<sup>s</sup> and one fetherbedd. and to the wyef of the said John one silver spoone.

my frende Mr. Powle<sup>2</sup> a book named Cronica Cronicarum.

To my lad James Kitto one fetherbed, one bowlster, one pillow one paire of blanketts one payre of sheets one coverlett of dornix ij stillatories, one brasen potte to make *aqua vita* in,<sup>3</sup> my little amblinge mare with bridle, gurses and sturopes with all such books as I have of Phisicke and Surgery.

To the poore man Thomas Butler my servante xx<sup>s</sup>, and beddinge at East Chinnock.

To the poore woman Ely[n] Sudnaye my servante xx<sup>s</sup>, ij platters, ij pottingers, and one sawcer with one little skillet pot of brass.

[other bequests to servants]

To the littell mayde which I doe of charitie bringe upp named Besse, abydinge at Castell Carye with my frende Norvall, xx<sup>s</sup> and a cowe.

To my cosen Locke of Yevell vjs viij<sup>d</sup>

To Agnes Piers of Est Chinnocke widdow xxvj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> to by her a cowe withall.

to her ij daughters Alice and Florance xx<sup>s</sup> each.

To Sir William Rogers, Vicar of Est Chinnocke, my best bedstede, the cofer standinge in the high chamber, and also the foldinge boorde there standinge.

To my frende Thomas Norman my bason and ewer.

To John Gibbes, son of John Gybbes, vjs viij<sup>d</sup>  
John Gibbes the younger vjs viij<sup>d</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Limbeck, more correctly *alembic*; a vessel formerly used for distilling. (Skeat.)

<sup>2</sup> John Palle, monk of Montacute, received a pension of £5 6s. 8d.

<sup>3</sup> "A stillotorie for *aqua vita*, and the pott thereto belonging."—*Test. Ebor.* (Surtees Soc.) iv, 275.

To the ij poore children, William Combbe and Robert Comb, xx<sup>d</sup> each.

*Item.* I will that all suche stuff as ys in my backehowse and brewhouce be solde and the monney of the same to be distributed amongst my poore kynn.

*Residue.* "To Sir William Dyar, parson of North Parrott, Sir William Rogers, vicar of East Chinnocke, Mr. Thomas Hawker, of Vagge, gentleman, and Thomas Norman, of Mountague, yoman, whome I make and ordaine these men to be my very true executors that they shall dispose all suche goods as I have left unto them in a godly and charitable use to the honor of God and salvacion of my sowle."

*Supervisor.* Mr. Thomas ffrekke, vicar of Mountague.

*Witnesses.* Mr. Thomas ffrecke.

Sir William Metforde<sup>1</sup> parson of Lufston.

John Morley,<sup>2</sup> of Mountague, mason with others.

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#### PRIORS OF MONTACUTE.

The following list of the Priors of Montacute in the twelfth century is derived from the *History of Abbies* (vol. ii. p. 199) by Browne Willis, who took it "from a MS. in the Cottonian Library, numbered *Tiberius A.* 10, as they are there figured and entered, without dates." As, however, this MS. was severely injured in the fire of 1731, and so "reduced to a state little better than a crust," it cannot now be used for practical purposes. The list is certainly not exhaustive, and there is reason to doubt whether the names given in it are in their proper sequence.

1 Walter; 2 Pontius; 3 Guigonus; 4 Ranulph; 5 Ailmer; 6 Arnold; 7 Durand; 8 William; 9 Jocelin; 10 Thomas; 11 Hugh; 12 Vigo; 13 Richard; 14 Pontius; 15 Peter; 16 Simon; 17 Simon; 18 Daniel.

<sup>1</sup> Instituted 11th Aug., 1523, died 1572. (*Somerset Incumbents*, 131.)

<sup>2</sup> John Morles [Moreleyes (Rawlinson, B. 419)] had an annuity of xx<sup>s</sup> from Montacute Priory.

The following list has been compiled from various sources, for the present volume :--

R. He is mentioned in a charter of Eudo Dapifer (M 47 in this volume) which is not later than 1120.

E. He is mentioned in a charter of Hamo de St. Clare (M 48 in this volume), who was alive in 1136.

Durand. He is mentioned in two charters of Matilda Peverel (M 141, 142 in this volume).

Arnold. He is mentioned in a charter of William son of Rogo (M 155 in this volume).

William. He was prior in 1159. (Historical MSS. Commission.

*Report on MSS. of Wells Cathedral*, p. 15.) He is mentioned in a charter of Gunfred de Wermewelle. (M 130 in this volume.)

Thomas. He was appointed Abbot of Hyde in 1175. (*Annales Monastici*, ed. Luard, vol. ii. p. 61.)

G[uys?]. He is mentioned in a charter (M 38 in this volume) which appears to belong to the year 1179.

Oliver. He was prior of Montacute at the time when Hugh was prior of Lewes, which was about 1186. (Ancient Deeds in the Public Record Office, A. 217. See also Pipe Roll Society, *Ancient Charters*, pp. 78, 79.)

Jocelin. He was prior in 1187. (See M 58.)

Durand. He was prior at the time when Savaric was Bishop of Bath, that is between 1192 and 1205. (Historical MSS. Commission. *Report on MSS. of Wells Cathedral*, p. 170.)

In 1207, he was accused by the sub-prior and convent of maladministration, and the King directed the Bishop to eject him if the charges were proved. (*Rotuli Litterarum Patentium*, ed. Hardy, p. 78.) He was, however, restored in 1217, and again ejected after another quarrel. (Annals of Lewes, quoted in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 163.)

Mark. He is said to have been skilled in medicine. He is mentioned in five charters, one of which is dated 1237 and another 1246. (M 22, 102, 185, 187, 209, in this volume.)

William, Abbot of Cluny, came to Montacute in 1251 and ejected him. (Cotton MS. *Tiberius A 10*, quoted in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 164; *Rotuli Hundredorum*, vol. ii. p. 126.)

Roger. Browne Willis calls him Roger Normannus. He occurs in the charter numbered M 152 in this volume. He was transferred by the Abbot of Cluny to the priory of Lenton in 1260. (Patent Roll, 44 Hen. III. m. 4.)

Hugh de Noyers. His appointment as prior by the Abbot of Cluny was approved by the King 17 September, 1260. (Patent Roll, 44 Hen. III. m. 3.) He is mentioned as prior in 1261, in the charter numbered M 112 in this volume. He appears to have been ejected. (*Rotuli Hundredorum*, vol. ii. p. 126.)

Gilbert de Bexolio. The temporalities of the priory were restored to him, at the request of Ivo, Abbot of Cluny, 30 January, 1266. (Patent Roll, 50 Hen. III. m. 32).

Guy de Mercant. He was appointed prior in 1269. (Cotton MS. quoted in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 164). He occurs in the charter numbered M 95 in this volume. In July 1279, the King, in consideration of a fine of 60 marks, pardoned his offence in clipping the coin, of which he had been indicted before the justices. (Patent Roll, 7 Edw. I. m. 14; *Rotulorum Originalium Abbreviatio*, vol. i. p. 33.) He was doubtless ejected in consequence, and he is described as "formerly prior of Montacute" in another pardon granted to him in December, 1284, in consideration of a fine of 200 marks, the fresh offences charged against him being the clipping and forging of coins and the receipt of Jews' goods. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, p. 147; *Rotulorum Originalium Abbreviatio*, vol. i. p. 49.)

Peter. Browne Willis calls him Peter Gaudemer, and states that he was appointed in 1289. He is mentioned as prior in March, 1290. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, p. 348.)

John de Bello Ramo. He was appointed prior by the Abbot of Cluny, and he received restitution of the temporalities in June, 1292. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, p. 493.)

Geoffrey de Dosa. He was appointed prior by the Abbot of Cluny, and he received restitution of the temporalities in July, 1293. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, p. 33.)

Stephen Raulun. He was appointed prior by the Abbot of Cluny, and approved by the King in July 1297. (*Calendar of Patent Rolls*, p. 288.) He is mentioned as prior in 1305

and 1316 in the charters numbered M 43 and 137 in this volume. (See also M 56.) He appears to have resigned, for he was still alive in February, 1317, when he is described as Stephen, late prior of Montacute. (*Calendar of Close Rolls*, p. 395.)

John Cheverer, called in Latin 'Caprarius' or 'Caprarii.' He was appointed prior by the Abbot of Cluny, and he received restitution of the temporalities in October 1316. (Patent Roll, 10 Edw. II. part i. m. 13.) In February 1317, the sheriff of Somerset was directed to stay until Whitsuntide the arrest of John Cheverer, prior of Montacute, brother Stephen, late prior of the same, Roger de Criche, sub-prior, brother Philip, chamberlain, brother Peter de la Douse (doubtless a relation of the prior of 1293), brother William de Beamen, and others, all of whom had been indicted for taking arms and provisions to the Scots. (*Calendar of Close Rolls*, p. 395.) In 1320, John Caprarii, prior of Montacute, obtained from the pope the reservation of a dignity or office to be given to him by the abbot and convent of Cluny on his resignation of Montacute. (*Calendar of Papal Registers*, vol. ii. p. 216.) In 1325, he had licence from the pope to be non-resident for a year, while staying in France. (*Ibid.*, pp. 248, 249.) His journey evidently proved successful, for he shortly obtained another office and resigned Montacute. (*Ibid.*, p. 257.)

Guichard de Jou. He was appointed prior by the Abbot of Cluny, and he received restitution of the temporalities in June, 1326. (Patent Roll, 19 Edw. II. part 2, m. 5.) The pope, however, doubtless on the ground of his grant to John Cheverer in 1320, claimed the right of appointment and nominated Robert Busse, a Benedictine monk of Tavistock. The refusal of the convent, supported by the Abbot of Cluny, to admit the proctor of Robert Busse, gave rise to litigation, in the course of which the papal nominee died. The pope thereupon appointed Peter de Mortemart, cardinal of St. Stefano Rotondo, to be prior in his place, and Guichard de Jou was cited to appear at Avignon. (*Calendar of Papal Registers*, vol. ii. pp. 257, 277, 278.) Guichard appears to have repaired to the papal court in

October 1328 (*Calendar of Close Rolls*, p. 415) but things went against him there, and he eventually applied to the King for help. (Ancient Petitions, Public Record Office, No. 9666.) In February, 1331, the King took up his cause warmly, and wrote a remonstrance to the pope, insisting that Guichard de Jou had been properly appointed, that the cardinal, not being a monk, was unqualified and that such papal provisions to monasteries were not recognised in England. (Rymer's *Fædera*, vol. ii. p. 807.) The pope thereupon attempted a compromise by nominating Guichard, whom he styled only a monk of Cluny, to the priory of Lenton, and appointing Geoffrey de Chintriaco to Montacute. (*Calendar of Papal Registers*, vol. ii. pp. 346, 347.) In October 1332, however, he appointed Philip de Chintriaco to be prior of Montacute in succession to Humbert de Banhaco, who had been promoted to Parois le Monial. (*Ibid.*, p. 370.) Philip was to hold the priory together with the cell of Carswell, of which he was already prior, but it is almost certain that the convent never recognised him as their head. Prior Guichard's troubles, however, were not at an end, for some years later, John de Henton, a Benedictine monk of Sherborne (Register of Bp. Ralph, p. 368), having somehow been appointed "guardian" of Montacute (during the war), filed a complaint against him before the King's Council. He asserted that, as there were several aliens in the house, the secrets of the realm were being betrayed, that the priors of Kerswell and Barnstaple and other aliens, who had been indicted in Devonshire of communicating with the Abbot of Cluny, had been received at Montacute as guests, that the goods of the priory had been put beyond his reach, and that the prior himself was so infirm as to be incapable of managing the establishment. (Ancient Petitions, Public Record Office, No. 10,488.) The convent on the other hand asserted that the custody of the priory had been committed to their prior for a yearly payment of 120*l.*, and contended that he was far more fitted to watch over its interests than a monk of another order, who ought to devote his attention to his own priory at Horton, which was a cell of Sherborne. (Ancient Petitions,

No. 10,489.) The controversy was thereupon referred to Thomas de Marleberge and Ralph de Middelneye, and they, with the aid of a local jury, sitting at Montacute, reported against John de Henton, declaring that his statements were false, that prior Guichard was perfectly competent, and that the priory was exempt from the ordinary jurisdiction of archbishops, bishops, or other ecclesiastics except the Abbot of Cluny. (Ancient Petitions, No. 10,490.) Their return was made in the spring of 1339, and we may fairly suppose that prior Guichard was not again molested.

John la Porta, I. The exact date of his appointment has not yet been discovered. His father's name was P. la Porta, his mother's name was Dalfina, and he appears to have been a native of Ussac in the diocese of Limoges. In 1343, he describes himself as an ancient bachelor of canon law, chaplain of the cardinal of St. Sabina's, and prior of Montacute. (*Calendar of Petitions to the Pope*, vol. i. p. 25.) In the following year, he and his monks obtained the pope's assent to the appropriation of the church of Creech which was of their patronage, on the ground that they had begun to rebuild their own church which had been destroyed. (*Ibid.* p. 42.) In January 1345, the pope ordered the Abbot of Cluny to receive the resignation of John la Porta, and to give the priory to a fit person (*Calendar of Papal Registers*, vol. iii. p. 15.), but the prior appears to have died before completing his resignation.

John la Porta, II. a monk of Montacute. In December 1345, the pope granted his petition for the priory of Montacute, vacant by the death of his brother. (*Calendar of Petitions to the Pope*, vol. i. p. 90.).

Gerald de Roche. He is said to be mentioned as prior in 1362 in the episcopal registers at Wells. Under his christian name only, he occurs in several charters of that year and the following in this volume. (M 200, 202, 203, 204.)

Francis de Baugiaco. He was appointed prior of Prittlewell in Essex, in 1361. (Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 21.) At the end of the following year, he applied to the pope for the priory of Montacute, vacant by the promotion of the late prior to the priory of Lewes, and his request was granted.

(*Calendar of Petitions to the Pope*, vol. i. p. 393.) In 1371, Francis, prior of Montacute, received from the King a grant of the custody of the priory and its possessions during the war with France for a yearly payment of 120*l.* as before. (Page 218 of this volume.) There was, however, long and troublesome litigation on the subject in the early part of the reign of Richard II. (M 217.) Prior Francis was apparently ejected on account of his French sympathies.

Nicholas Hornyk de Montibus, a friar minor. There is an undated petition from him to the King, evidently Richard II., in which he asks for the arrest of his predecessor Francis, with a note thereon of the King's approval. (Ancient Petitions, No. 12,495.) The ejected prior, on the other hand, entered two protests and asked for assistance from Parliament. (Ancient Petitions, Nos. 6219, 9917.)

Francis de Baugiaco, restored. In November 1399, Henry IV. gave up to him the priory of Montacute which had been taken into the King's hands on account of the war with France, and at the same time released him and his successors from all payment on account of the grant made by Edward III. to William, Earl of Salisbury. (Rymer's *Fædera*, ed. 1727, vol. viii. p. 103; *Rolls of Parliament*, vol. iv. p. 27.) Francis is mentioned once more as prior in January 1403. (*Acts of the Privy Council*, vol. i. p. 192.)

William Cryche. He was appointed prior in 1403. (Register of Archbishop Arundel, fol. 292.) In his time, 300 marks were paid to Henry IV. for a very important declaration, that whereas he and all the monks were of English birth the convent should be accounted denizen and excepted from the laws applicable to alien priories. (*Rolls of Parliament*, vol. iv. p. 27; Patent Roll, 8 Henry IV. part 2, m. 10.) This was followed, early in the reign of Henry V., by another important order, that future priors should be elected by the convent, the monks being left free to settle matters as they could with the Abbot of Cluny, and the pope. (*Rolls of Parliament*, as above.) William Cryche is mentioned in Hutchins' *History of Dorset* (vol. i. p. 553.)

John Bennet. He is stated to have been prior in 1449. (MS. note by Willis, cited in the *Monasticon*.)

Robert Montague. He is stated to have been appointed in February, 1452. (Register of Bishop Bekynton, cited in the *Monasticon*.) He died in office.

Robert Newton, a monk of Glastonbury. On the death of Robert Montague, the sub-prior and convent made over their right of election to the Bishop of Winchester and the Earl of Wiltshire, and they nominated Newton, who received restitution of the temporalities in November 1458. (Patent Roll, 37 Henry VI. part i. m. 14.) He resigned at the end of 1461 or the beginning of 1462. (Patent Roll, 1 Edw. IV. part 5, m. 23.)

Robert Criehe. He received restitution of the temporalities in the counties of Somerset, Dorset, Hants, Wilts, Devon, Cornwall, and Gloucester, and in the Marches of Wales, in February 1462. (Patent Roll, 1 Edw. IV. part 4, m. 22.) He died in office.

John Doure or Dore. He received restitution of the temporalities in April 1467. (Patent Roll, 7 Edw. IV. part 1, m. 14.) He died in office.

John Walter. He received restitution of the temporalities in June, 1483. (Rymer's *Fœdera*, vol. xii. p. 186.)

Thomas Chard. He received restitution of the temporalities in July, 1514. (Patent Roll, 6 Hen. VIII. part 2. m. 25.) About eight years previously, he had been consecrated as a bishop, taking his title from Slobria, or Selymbria, in Thrace. He obtained the parsonage of Wellington in 1512. (Weaver's *Somerset Incumbents*, p. 462.) From 1513 to 1518, he was warden of the college at Ottery St. Mary. (Oliver's *Monasticon Exoniensis*, p. 261.) He was a benefactor to Tintinhull church, which was appropriated to Montacute. (Somerset Record Society, vol. iv. p. 204.) He resigned the priory in, or before, July 1532. (Patent Roll, 24 Hen. VIII. part 2, m. 17.) In lieu of a pension, he took the office of prior of Carswell, a cell dependent on Montacute. (*Letters and Papers*, Hen. VIII. vol. vi. No. 504; vol. ix. No. 116; *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, vol. i. p. 196.) His will is dated 1 October 1541, and it was proved sixteen days later. (Prob.

ceedings of *Somersetshire Archaeological Society*, vol. xxxvii. part 2, p. 11.) Several writers have confounded him with Thomas Chard, alias Tybbes, the last abbot of Ford, but, apart from the fact that Ford was a Cistercian house, while Montacute was Cluniac, the two men had distinctive signatures and their styles of hand-writing were different. The ex-abbot of Ford survived until March 1554. (Ministers' Accounts, Henry VIII., 288, m. 10d.)

Robert Shirburn. He received restitution of the temporalities in August, 1532. (Patent Roll, 24 Hen. VIII. part 2, m. 17.) For this he undertook to pay 100*l.* to the King. (*Letters and Papers, Hen. VIII.* vol. v. No. 1213; vol. vi. No. 1613.) There is at the Public Record Office a letter from him to Thomas Cromwell, in which he excuses himself from presenting the King's nominee, Emeric Tucfield, to the parsonage of Tintinhull, on the ground that it had been appropriated to the priory in the time of his predecessor. (*Ibid.* vol. viii. No. 323.)

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# BRUTON CARTULARY.

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## MODERN TRANSCRIPT.

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CHARTERS NO. 1 TO 179. TRANSCRIBED (1) BY MR.  
HARBIN AND (2) SIR THOMAS PHILLIPPS.

~~X~~ No. 1. Grant by William de Moyun, earl of Somerset, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, at the prayer of William the chaplain, and the advice of his wife, many friends and vassals (*hominum*), and with the consent of his heirs, and for the redemption of his sins, to God and St. Mary and to the canons regular of the church of Bruton, with the lands, tithes, customs, and all things as the said William the chaplain held, viz. with the land which was Roger the cook's, and the quittances in wood and plain, to wit, of pannage and other customs, and of his wood for fuel and repairing their houses; and common pasture in all his manor of Briuham.

Testibus:—Willelmo filio meo, Henrico, Juwano, Petro et Ricardo, clericis, Radulfo capellano, Roberto capellano, Magistro Willelmoque, Willelmo de Britone, Reinaldo, Ricardo de Wacheford, Hugone de Punchardun, Willelmo Bastard, Willelmo de Locumme.

No. 2. Grant by the same of the same things and common pasture in his manor of Bruweham.

No. 3. Notification by Terri[cus] de Manillo Maugeri to the clerks of Bruton and all the parishioners of Bruton that he has granted the virgate of land which Marculph and Dunstan

held, and the garden and land of Theodoric to St. Mary and St. Aldelm, and to William the sheriff.

Testibus:—Othegrino et Macario et Serico et Edwino, Elya, Alfredo et Curun.

**No. 4.** Confirmation, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, by William de Moyun, the younger (*juvenis*), to the canons of Bruton of his father's gift of a hide of land, the mill and men and whatsoever his father had in the parish of Bruton; with the gift, for the souls of William his father, Agnes his mother, and his brethren, of 60 acres near the fish-pond of Bruham, and pannage for 100 hogs in his wood of Selewode every year.

Testibus:—Radulfo capellano et Willelmo filio Durandi et Ricardo Londoniar et W. Bret et Ricardo de Wachford et Hugone de Punchardon et Juvano filio Comitis.

**No. 5.** Confirmation by William de Moyun, the younger, of the grants made to the church of Bruwton and the canons thereof by his grandfather, Earl William, his father, William, and the men of his fee.

Testibus:—Lucia uxore mea, Gilberto capellano, Ricardo de Moyun, Ricardo clericu de Langham, Willelmo Britt[o], Radulfo Piro, juveni.

**No. 6.** Confirmation by the said William, of the gifts which his ancestors made to the canons of Bruton.

Hiis testibus:—Lucia uxore mea, Willelmo filio meo et herede, Ricardo de Moyun, Roberto filio Ricardi, Henrico Corbet, Willelmo fratre ejus, Henrico de Aule, Ad[a] Pudel, Symone, Symone Buzun, W. Punchardon.

**No. 7.** Grant by William de Moyun to his brethren and canons of Bruton of free election of all their priors from their own house, subject to finding a fit person and presenting the elect to the founder or his heirs in England or Normandy, before any other person.

Testes:—Lucia uxor mea, Willelmus filius meus et heres, Galfridus de Moyun frater meus, Robertus filius Ricardi, senescallus meus, Radulfus capellanus meus, Ricardus clericus meus,

Henricus de Aule, Adam de Erchembaud, Gilbertus de Grucy,  
Willelmus [de] Rinlun.

**No. 8.** Quitclaim by Reginald de Moyun, for the souls of his ancestors and heirs, of the custody of the priory of Bruton during vacancy of the priorship.

Hiis testibus:—venerabili patre [nostro] Domino Jocelino episcopo Wellensi, W. decano et cancellario et Willelmo de Butthon archidiacono Wellensi, H. archidiacono Tanton, Johanne de Reigni, Ricardo de Wrotham, militibus.

**No. 9.** Gift by Alexander de Cantelu to the canons of Bruton of whatsoever he had in Bruton, viz. the hundred and market and the land of La Coume in fee farm. They give 40s. to him, a palfrey to Ralph his heir, and a gold piece to his wife. Alexander and Ralph offered the charter on the altar.

Testes:—Robertus de Someri, Robertus Luvellus, Alfredus Border, Segar de Bruwham, Hanketil Milet, Elyas nepos prioris, Eustachius.

**No. 10.** Gift by Alexander de Cantelo, “pro salute,” &c., to the canons of Bruton of half a virgate of land which Alfric son of Godman held, and a quarter of a virgate which Seric held.

Testes:—Stephanus canonicus Tauntonensis, Robertus de Merethon, Willelmus de la Stane, Gilbertus de Roche, Rogerius Dantis.

**No. 11.** Confirmation by William the Chamberlain de Tankerville to the canons of Bruton, of the preceding charter.

**No. 12.** Grant by Henry de Karevill, addressed to R[obert] bishop of Bath, to the church and canons of Bruton of a virgate of land which Ailnet held, and 31 denariates of land which Horahaved held, and John Pinkwood, and the garden before the gate of the court with the small house, and his rights in the forest of Selewode.

Testibus:—Radulfo fratre meo et Gaufrido, Ricardo filio Serlonis, Roberto Turbet, Radulfo de Sparkford, Roberto fratre suo, Eustachio et uxore sua, Hilario, Alfredo, et tota parochia de Bruwton.

Gifts of patrons and others benefactors, collations of Bishops, confirmations of the Roman See, letters of Popes and grants to the church of St. Mary of Bruton and to the canons regular serving God in it for ever, concerning lands, churches, tithes, rents, and other possessions.

**No. 13.** Gift by Antigona, daughter and heir of Henry de Careville, pro salute, &c., and with the assent of her lord, William the Chamberlain de Tankerville, to the canons of Bruton, of one acre of land to enlarge their court, and one perch of land outside their gate to make their garden.

Testes:—Willelmus Camerarius de Tankerville, dominus meus, Gilbertus de Roca, Willelmus nepos Willelmi prioris, Radulfus de Ponte, Walterus Cocus, Rogerus Craba.

Fol. 3. **No. 14.** Confirmation by William the Chamberlain de Tankerville, of the preceding charter.

Testes:—A. Brudele et Robertus frater ejus, Robertus Gerbert, Herbertus de Frechnea, A. de Bosco Geroldi, Gaufridus de Caure, Willelmus filius Nicholai, Willelmus Remewarde, Roe-landus Brito, Gilbertus de Rocha, Willelmus nepos Willelmi prioris, Rogerus Craba, Walterus Cocus.

**No. 15.** Confirmation by Robert de Rothomago (Rouen) and Antigona his wife, daughter and heir of Henry de Caraville, addressed to their reverend lord William the Chamberlain de Tancarville, to the canons of Bruton of the lands which Henry de Caraville gave to them, and the virgate of land which Theodoric de Manillo Maugeris gave to them, and the land which William son of Hugh gave them in Suttruw.

Testes:—Gilbertus de Rocha, &c.

**No. 16.** Confirmation, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, by William the Chamberlain de Tankerville to the canons of Bruton of the land which Alexander de Cantelu gave to them, and the virgate which Theodoric de Manillo Maugeri assigned to them, and the wood called Pinkwode.

Testibus:—Stephano Burdeth, Ricardo de Tankerville, Roberto de Mortuo Mari et Willelmo clericu de Maneville.

No. 17. Confirmation by Ralph the Chamberlain de Tancarville, to the canons of Bruton of the land which Alexander de Cantelou gave to them, the virgate of land which Theodoric de Manilo Maugeri assigned to them, and the wood of Pinkwode, and all gifts which Henry de Careville and his ancestors granted to them.

Testibus:—Roberto precentore Baiocensi, Roberto Capetot, Galfrido Talebot, Osmondo capellano, C. Ruffo, Thoma de Cunteville, Henrico de Mersthoron.

No. 18. Assent by Ralph the Chamberlain de Tankerville for the prior and convent of Bruton to transfer their market of Bruton whithersoever they please in that town.

No. 19. In a charter of Henry de Careville the witnesses are—<sup>Fol. 4.</sup> Gervasius de Axem', W. de Bonham, Willelmus filius Petri, Robertus de Combe, R. de Ponte, Rogerus Crabe.

No. 19b. Acknowledgment by Henry de Careville, in the full county court at Yvelcestre, that he and all his men ought to do suit, as his ancestors did, at the hundred-court of Bruton, belonging to the canons; William Malet then being sheriff and Roger de Reines under-sheriff.

Hii testibus:—W. de Monteacuto, Ricardo Rivello, Waltero de Asselegh, H. Lupello, Gervasio de Sparkford, Willelmo de Godmaneston, H. de Campoflorido, Johanne filio Ricardi, Willelmo de Dreycote, Waltero de Legh.

No. 20. Gift by Henry de Careville, with the assent of Isabella his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of a croft called Ilgescroft, and pasture called Coggelegh.

Testibus:—Rogero de Forda tunc vicecomite, Jordano de Clivedon, Willelmo de Someri, Luca de Campoflorido, Andrea de Columbariis, Barjona fratre, Henrico de Careville, Godefrido serviente, Radulfo Cute.

No. 21. Confirmation by William Poer of the preceding charter.

Testibus :—Willelmo de Someri, Willelmo de Bonham, Thoma fratre ejus, Radulfo Cute.

**No. 22.** Henry de Careville and Isabella his wife give to God and St. Mary of Bruton lands in Pydecombe.

Testibus :—Roberto tunc decano de Cary, Willelmo persona de Dichsete, Johanne Strod capellano Bruwtonie, W. Poer, Ricardo de Muscegros, W. Somery, R. Pineys.

Fol. 5. **No. 23.** Gift by Henry de Careville and Isabella his wife to God and St. Mary of Bruton of lands in Bruton.

Testibus :—Ricardo Cotele, Thoma de Cirencestre, Willelmo de Dreycote, Willelmo de Someri, Rogero Luvell, Andrea de la Cumba, Gaufrido Blund, Radulfo Cute.

**No. 24.** Confirmation by Emma de Carevile, with the assent of her heirs, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton, of all the gifts which Henry de Careville her father, Antigona her sister, and her ancestors made to them.

Testibus :—Stephano, Edmundo, Symone, capellanis, Wigeno et Godfrido servientibus, Ada et Gilberto clericis, Ricardo Buley, Reginaldo Brule.

**No. 25.** Confirmation by Avicia Blunda, Matilda Blunda, and Juliana Blunda to the canons of Bruton, of all the gifts which Henry de Careville, their grandfather, and Antigona his daughter, their aunt (*matertera*) and all their ancestors granted to them, and the gift which their mother Emma de Carevile, made to the almonry of Bruton for the sustenance of the poor, to wit, a few acres on the south side of La Wurthe and two acres upon Bikelinche.

Testibus ut supra.

**No. 26.** Final concord between Henry de Glanvile, and Philippa, his wife, plaintiffs, and Henry Careville, tenant, of one carucate of land in Bruton, by which the said Henry and Philippa acknowledge the said land to be the right of Henry de Careville, to hold to the said Henry and his heirs, of the said Henry de Glanvile and Philippa, and the heirs of Philippa for ever by the

service of one knight, at their cost for fifteen days in the year, in England. At Westminster, in the second year of King Henry, son of King John [October, 1218].

No. 27. Gerard de Broton gives to the canons all his land in Bruton. Testes :—Robertus de Muscugros, Ricardus de Muscugros, Simon de Muscugros, Robertus filius Virgilis, W. Hurtevent.

No. 28. Henry de Carville gives to Agatha his daughter one Fol. 6. virgate of land in Bruton.

No. 29. Grant by Henry de Careville to Henry Archer, with Agatha, his eldest daughter in pure marriage, of all his land in the marsh of Winchaulton (Wincanton).

Testibus :—Hugone de Nevyll, W. de Monteacuto, G. de Selles, W. de Bonham, Jocelino de Clivethon, Waltero de Bonham, R. Tirel, Galtero capellano.

No. 30. A memorandum that Roger de la Ford had for heir Walter Fol. 7. de la Ford, his nephew (*nepos*), who enfeoffed Master R. de la Forde of a virgate of land in Bruton, by charter, and of certain land in Shapwike, of the abbot of Glaston's fief.

No. 31. Grant by Walter de Ford to Robert de Ford, clerk, of the whole land of Shapwike and Bruton, and the whole meadow, with the appurtenances, of the underwood of Knolle, of the fee of Richard de Muscugros, which were of Roger de la Ford his uncle, &c.

Testibus :—Johanne Russell, tunc senescallo Domini Regis, Johanne de Reygni, Johanne filio Ricardi, Waltero de Grava, Luca Russell, Willelmo filio Ade, Ricardo de Weston, Roberto Fichet, W. de Stawelle.

No. 32. Henry de Careville gives to his son Stephen a dwelling- Fol. 8. house with a ferling of land in Bruton, and two acres upon Aldberthon, next the land of Roger Luvell.

Testes :—Dominus Walterus de Esleghe, Dominus Robertus de Blacoford, Dominus Willelmus de Dreycote, Dominus W. de

Somery, R. Luvell, Andreas de la Cumbe, Rogerus Puleyn,  
Henricus le Frie.

Fol. 11, 12. No. 33. William Quiles, and Matilda la Blunde, his wife, William Carville, Thomas de Bonham. A.D. 1253.

Fol. 12. No. 34. Final concord made at Westminster, Mich. 6 John [1204], before Geoffrey Fitz-Peter, Eustace de Faucumberge, &c. between Avice, Juliana, and Matilda, daughters of William, plaintiffs, and Henry de Carville, tenant, of half a knight's fee in Bruton. (Terms of agreement not entered in transcript.)

Fol. 14, 15. No. 35. A.D. 1256. Agreement made in the Lady Chapel of Bruton between Sir William, prior of Bruton, and William de Careville, before Sir H. Luvell, Sir Ralph sine Averio (Sansaver), Hugh his son, knights, Master Thomas de Aldetheford (Alford), John Rufus, of Lamyete, Richard Lundres, William Pincerna, Matthew de Beteville, &c., viz, the said William de Careville released to the prior all right which he had in the paths and foot-stiles above the barn of the said prior in the field which is called Hyda towards Bigwode.

Testibus:—Willelmo de Plescey, Willelmo Huscarl, Roberto de Crudenhulle, W. de la Lade, Henrico de Campoflorido, Willelmo de la Coume, Thoma de Wike.

Fol. 15. No. 36. Grant by Hugh, son of William de Bruwton, to Geoffrey son of Gilbert, his kinsman (*cognatus*), for his service, of one virgate of land in Bruton, which is called Pukecroft.

Testibus:—R. priore de Bruwton, Willelmo de Somery, Andrea de Combe, Roberto de Ford, Roberto de Columbariis, Roger Poley, Thoma de Bonham.

Fol. 18, 19. No. 37. Final concord made at Bristol, 53 Hen. III. [1269] before Richard de Milton, Adam de Grenvile, Roger de Mussendene, Thomas Trivet, justices in eyre, between Thomas, prior of Bruton, plaintiff, and Alveva la Wele, deforciant, of lands in Bruton.

Fol. 19. No. 37b. Charter of William Huscarl (contents omitted in transcript).

Testes:—Dominus Reginaldus de Moyun, Dominus W. de Dreycote, Dominus R. de Muscegros, Dominus H. de Stawelle, Johannes de Moyun, Willelmus de Careville.

**No. 38.** Confirmation by Richard Luvell, lord of Cary, to God Fol. 21. and St. Mary of Bruton, of two acres of his land of Pidecombe which his mother formerly gave to the same canons, with the assent of his brothers and himself, in endowment of the chapel of Pidecombe "cum dedicaretur."

Testibus:—Roberto decano de Kary, Roberto Fichet, Philippo Ostricer, Thoma de Gratele.

**No. 39.** In the year of the Incarnation of the Lord, 1274. An Fol. 22. agreement made between Sir Stephen, prior of Bruton, and Sir Hugh Lovell, lord of Kary, viz. the prior and convent are to exact from the said Hugh no more than four suits annually in the hundred-court of Bruton.

Testibus:—Dominus Galfrido de Stawele, Willelmo de Raleye, Radulfo Huscarl, W. de Combe, W. de Godmanston.

**No. 40.** Agreement by Richard Lupell, lord of Kary, with the prior Fol. 23. and convent of Bruton, that a small piece of land, called Le Grovesend otherwise Vennieslo, in Richard's manor of Wincanton, shall remain untilled and common to the prior's men.

Testibus:—Dominis Roberto de Blakeford, W. de Godmanston, W. de Dreycote, militibus, W. de Wygorn, R. Luvell.

*Grove send  
Vennieslo  
Wincanton*

**No. 41.** A.D. 1253. Agreement made between the prior and Fol. 25. convent of Bruton and William de la Combe, viz. the prior and convent granted to William and his heirs that they can go and return with their corn and hay and their cattle by the way which lies through their land and pasture of La Swre towards La Swelle.

Testibus:—Dominus Matheo de Clivedon, Dominus Johanne de Reygni, militibus, W. de Careville, W. Huscarl, Rogero Lupello, Thoma de Bonham, Henrico de Campoflorido, Thoma de Wike. This agreement was made before Sir Henry de Bratton, then justice of the Lord the King, Sir Reginald de Moyun, Sir W.

de Moyun, Sir W. Malet, Sir W. Trivet, Sir Martin de Leke  
knights, W. de la Lade, and Richard de Lundres, at Tanton.

**No. 42.** Thomas de Bonham gives lands in Bruton, to the church of St. Mary of Bruton.

Fol. 26. **No. 43.** Grant by Walkelin de Bonham, with the assent of Agnes his wife and his heirs, to Thomas de Bonham, his brother, for his service, of eight acres of arable land in Bruton.  
Testibus:—Domino Rogero Tyrel, &c.

**No. 44.** Grant by Walkelin de Bonham to the church of St. Mary of Bruton, pro salute, &c., of two acres of the land of his manor of Dicheneston.

Testibus:—Domino Everardo priore de Langelete, Domino Rogero Tyrel, Domino Mauricio de Sautemareis, Thoma fratre meo.

Fol. 27. **No. 45.** Grant by Robert de Someri to the church of Bruton, of one virgate of land in his lordship of Dicheneston, for which the canons gave to Claricia, his wife, one besant, and to William, his son and heir, one besant, and to Richard his son sixpence.

Hiis testibus:—Claricia uxore mea, W. filio meo et herede, Ricardo filio meo, Linuel filio Willelmi, Galfrido de Bonevile, Mauricio de Cantelu, Henrico de Campoflorido, Girardo de Brocton, W. de Bonham, Thoma Goel, Moyse de Winton.

**No. 46.** Gift by William de Godmaneston, son of William de Godmaneston, pro salute, &c. to the church of Bruton, of four acres of land near Godcombe.

**No. 47.** Richard Luvell, lord of Kari, confirms the said gift to the canons of Bruton.

Testibus:—Domino Henrico Luvell filio Ricardi Luvell, Domino Mauricio Luvell, Domino Roberto Fichet, Willelmo With.

**No. 48.** Grant by William de Godmaneston to the church of Bruton, of the messuage and curtilage which Hugh the Cook (*Cocus*)

formerly held, which is between the grange of Benedict de Cliveden and the house of Roger de Raymis in Bruton.

Testes:—Matheus de Clivedon, Henricus le Franc.

**No. 49.** Grant by Ralph Pighun to the chapel of St. George of Bruton, of as much land as he measured when William the sacristan of the church of Bruton was present and asked it.

Testibus:—Ricardo Pighun fratre meo, &c.

**No. 50.** Grant in almoin, the charter being offered on the altar, by <sup>Fol. 27, 28.</sup> William la Ware, with the assent of his heirs, Fabian and Matthew, to the church of Bruton, of all the land which he held of the fee of Alexander de Cantelo at Langaham.

Testibus:—Hugone sine Averio, Hugone Witang, Willelmo Gering, Philippo Ostricer.

*Langaham*

### Confirmations.

**No. 51.** Confirmation by Robert, bishop of Bath, of the gift which <sup>Fol. 28.</sup> Alexander de Cantelu made, A.D. 1146, to the church of St. Mary of Bruton, of a hide and a quadrate of land which Aldetha and her predecessor, Laddel, held.

Testibus:—Communitate ejusdem ecclesie, Ivone decano, Eustacio, Hugone, Martino, archidiaconis, Reginaldo cantore et toto capitulo.

**No. 52.** Robert, bishop of Bath, confirms the gifts of Henry Careville made to the canons of Bruton, and his own gift of the church of Lochberg (Luxborough) which he assigned to them with the assent of William [Moyun] earl of Somerset and of Robert Fitz-Geoffrey, and their heirs.

Donationis Henrici de Careville testes sunt, Radulfus pater ejus et Galfridus, Ricardus filius Serlonis, Robertus Turb't, Radulfus de Sparkford, Eustachius, Adam et tota parochia de Bruwton. Donationis mee et Willelmi comitis et Roberti

filii Galfridi testes sunt Hugo archidiaconus, Alveredus canonicus Wellensis, filii predicti comitis.

**No. 54.** Confirmation by Robert, bishop of Bath, to the church of Bruton, of all its tithes and appendages, a hide of land in Bruton, and whatever Earl William de Moyun and his son W. gave to the canons: also the culture which is between the wood called Redlegh and the water called Cherlebroc.

Testibus:—Eustachio archidiacono, decano Wellensi, et conventu ejusdem ecclesie, Hugone archidiacono, Martino archidiacono, priore Bathon' et conventu, et Alvredo canonico Wellensi, qui presentem compositum cartam.

Fol. 29 **No. 56.** Confirmation by Robert, bishop of Bath, to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Bruton as impropriated at the prayer of the earl, &c., the chapter of Bath consenting, and also the abbot and monks of the church of Malmesbury. The canons are enjoined to fulfil the pastoral cure of souls, saving the bishop's right.

**No. 57.** Confirmation by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, to the canons regular of Bruton, of their present possessions, viz. the church of Bruton and the land which William de Moyun had in Bruton, the land of Bruwham, the church of Lochesberg; of the gift of Alexander de Cantelu and Henry de Carevile in the parish of Bruton; a virgate of land of the gift of Wandragesil de Curcella and Roger de Grainton; two parts of the tithes of Pidecombe and Dicheneston, of the gift of Geoffrey de Kary, and a virgate at Dicheneston of the gift of the ame sman, and another virgate at Hunewic.

**No. 58.** Confirmation by Reginald de Moyun at the prayers of his mother, pro salute, &c., to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Bruton and the church of Liun [Normandy,] and the whole land of Bruwham from the north side as the water which is called Bruw divides the said manor, with the mill and the fish-pond; and two-and-a-half virgates of land in Horslegh [in South Bruham]; and the church of Codecombe with the tithe of the mills; and the church of Lokeberge, the mills of Winton, the

*What is the name of Lochesberg (Lupbrough)*

mill of Colebere, and the mill of Manhaved, and the rent of Maisuns, with all their appurtenances.

Hiis testibus:—Lucia matre mea, W. de Punchardon, Baldwino filio Roberti, Roberto filio Roberti, W. de Kettenor, Willelmo et David de Pentir, Thoma Portar, Randulfo Norman, Roberto dispensario, Helia pincerna, Herveo.

No. 59. Confirmation by Richard de Dreycote, son of William de Dreycote, and Roger Lupell, son of Roger Lupell of Redlis, to the canons of Bruton, of lands in Redlis, and all the land in Pipplesham which Eustace de Redlis and Robert Lupell, his ancestors, gave to them. Fol. 30.

Testibus:—Domino Ricardo Lupello, Domino Waltero de Asselegh, Domino Roberto de Bellocampo, Domino Ricardo de Wrotham, Domino Willelmo de Paris, Domino Willelmo de Godmanston, Waltero de Bonham. A.D. 1242.

No. 60. Eustace de Redlis, lord of the manor of Redlis, gives lands in Redlis to the church of Bruton.

No. 61. Acta apud Wells. Award by the bishop's commissaries.

Settlement of a cause between the convent of Bruton, the prior appearing for himself and his convent, and William de Dreycote, Richard, his eldest son, appearing for him, before the sub-dean and Master Robert de Berkley, on the day of the Translation of St. Swithin concerning the chantry of the chapel of Redlis. Whereas the chaplain of Bruham is bound to serve the chapel of Bruham on Sundays and the fourth and sixth day of the week and on all feast-days throughout the year, nor is it lawful for anyone to celebrate twice in one day, therefore the chaplain of Redlis shall officiate on the third and fifth day of the week unless a feast occurring on those days shall hinder the office of mass. Moreover the prior shall cause the said chapel to be served by one of his canons on Sunday and the chief feasts.

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No. 62. Omitted in transcript.

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No. 63. Henry de Campoflorido gives, with the consent of Hymana, his wife, to the church of Bruton, half a virgate of land in Wike, in almoин.

Testes :—Gerardus de Brocton, Henricus de Careville, Henricus de Greinton.

No. 64. Agreement between the canons of Bruton and Luke de Campoflorido, ratified by Robert, archdeacon of Wells. The canons grant that the chapel of Wice, which was built in the time of the war shall remain, and they shall celebrate one mass therein on the second day in each week only, and on the feast day of the same chapel or on the day of St. Michael. And the said Luke, his wife and heirs grant to the canons one virgate and one ferling which anciently pertained to the right of the church of Bruton, free of all service except Danegeld.

Testes sunt :—Robertus archidiaconus, Ilbertus decanus, Ricardus de Moyun clericus, W. de Gundeville, Magister Adam filius Samuelis, Robertus de la Stane, Willelmus de Clivedon, Raherus de Alre, Thomas de Campoflorido, Gaufridus de Marisco, Reginaldus de Campoflorido, Petrus monachus, Johannes Carbonel, W. de Lisewis, Johannes filius Willelmi, Luwricus Lot, Lucas puer, Rogerus.

No. 65. Acceptance and ratification, made at Wells, in consistory or chapter, by Jocelin, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, of the gift by Luke de Campoflorido to the church of Bruton, from his demesne, of the tithe of hay, pannage, mills, and fisheries : and likewise of the gift by William de Dreycot, knight, to the said church of the tithe of the hay of his demesne of Redlis.

Testibus :—Willelmo de Hamme precentore, Magistro W. de Bardnaye, archidiacono, Magistro Alardo cancellario, Godefrido thesaurario, Petro archidiacono Tantonensi, Magistro Johanne de Jekeford tunc officiario nostro et canonico Wellensi. Made at Wells, Tuesday &c., in the 12th year of his pontificate [1218-9].

No. 66. Grant by William de Moyun, the younger, addressed to all his men French and English, to the canons of Bruton, of all his

land of Bruwham, in men, in wood, and in plain, from the north side as the water which is called Bruwe divides the said manor, as freely and quietly as ever his father Earl William held it; also the mill and the fish-pond and the whole water to make ponds and sluices and whatsoever they please.

Testibus:—Radulfo capellano, Johanne sacerdote, Gilberto fratre ejus, Roberto clerico, capellano, Iwano de Moyun, Willelmo Britone, Radulfo de Pirou, Hugone de Punctiondun, Willelmo filio Durandi, Roberto Bulzone, Ricardo de Langaam, Ricardo de Locumba, Radulfo de Grai, Roberto Russell.

**No. 67.** Petition to Robert, bishop of Bath, by William de Moyun, the younger, reciting the preceding gift and asking him to confirm it, that invaders may be subject to anathema. He wishes to relieve the canons' poverty, "ut religio in claustro, caritas ferveat in porta."

**No. 68.** Confirmation by Robert, bishop of Bath. [No details given *Fol. 32.* in transcript.]

**No. 69.** Notification by William de Moyun to Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells, that he has given in almoin for the redemption of his sins and for the good of the souls of his father and mother, all his "cultura" which is between the wood called Redlega and the water called Cherlbroc.

Testibus:—Radulfo capellano, Johanne sacerdote, Gilberto fratre ejus, Roberto clerico, capellano, Iwano de Moyun, Willelmo Britone, Radulfo de Pirou, Hugone de Punctiondun, Willelmo filio Durandi, Roberto Bulzone, Ricardo de Langaam, Ricardo de Locumba, Radulfo de Grai, Roberto Russell.

**No. 70.** William de Moyun, the younger, to Geoffrey de Cary his friend, concerning the gift of land in Bruwham which Geoffrey had made to the church of Bruton.

**No. 71.** Grant by William de Moyun, with the advice of his wife, *Fol. 33.* and for the good of his soul and the souls of his father, his mother, G[odelind] his wife, and his infants, to the church of

*Horsley*  
Bruton, of two-and-a-half virgates of land in Horsley, of his land of Bruwham.

Testibus:—Roberto Buzun, Ricardo de Langham, Radulfo de Pirou, Ivone fratre meo, Hugone Noreys.

**No. 72.** Grant by Richard Brunus, with the assent of Aubrey his wife and his heirs, for the souls of his lord William son of John, and his lord Peter de Stokes, and for the good of his own soul and the souls of Aubrey his wife, John his son, and his ancestors, to the canons, his beloved brethren, of half a virgate of land in Suthbruw[ham] which Walter Burgensis held.

Testibus:—Osberto filio Willelmi, Hugone de Merieth, H. de Careville, H. de Campoflorido, Waltero de Midleton, W. de Bonham, Wakelino filio ejus, Helya mercatore.

**No. 73.** Grant by William de Moyun to his canons of Bruton, of all the gifts which his men of England and Normandy shall make or have made to them, for the good of their souls.

Testibus:—Lucia uxore mea, Willelmo filio meo et herede, Roberto filio Ricardi, Ricardo de Moyun, Henrico de Corbet, W. fratre ejus, Henrico de Aule, Adam Pudel, Simone Buzun, W. Punchardon.

**No. 74.** Gift by Richard de Muscegros to the canons of Bruton, of thirty-two acres of land in the fields of Blakelaund and Blindlaund to the east and north of the grange of Horsleigh in exchange for twenty-eight acres which lie near the park of Ferschet of Sir Robert de Muscegros, to the north, which Henry le Wop formerly held.

Testibus:—Domino Jocelino episcopo Bathon', Domino Willermo tunc senescallo ejusdem, Domino Ricardo de Blakeford, Domino W. de Dreycote, Domino Willelmo de Paris, militibus, Henrico de Campoflorido, Waltero de Bonham, W. de Careville.

**No. 75.** Grant by William de Moyun with the assent of William his son and heir and of Gode[lind] his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of his mills of Winton and three measures of wheat at Maisuns, which Henry, his brother, gave to them.

Testes :—Willelmus filius meus et heres, Gode[lind] uxor mea, Robertus Buho (Buzon ?), Radulfus Daneis, Radulfus Piro, Ricardus de Moion et Baldwinus, clerici, Robertus filius Ricardi. Reginaldus de Punctiondon, Helias, Ricardus de Lisewis.

**No. 76.** Restitution by Ralph Lovell to the church of St. Mary of Bruton, of the whole land which his father took away from them, by the petition of his father when he was dying, for the good of his father's soul, his own soul, and the souls of his parents and friends, viz. one virgate of land in Dicheneston and one ferling of land in Bruton which Alwin son of Durand de la Hilla, holds, and two messuages which William Scharpe held, and Ailric the parchmenter.

Testibus :—Simone Travers, Ricardo fratre ejus, Thoma Lupell[o], Rogero de Novo Mercato, Matheo filio Nicholai, W. capellano, Waltero coquo, Rogero portario.

**No. 77.** Quitclaim by John, son of Geoffrey de la Stane, to the prior <sup>Fol. 33,34.</sup> and convent of Bruton, of his right in a third part of a moiety of the manor of La Cumbe.

Testibus :—Thoma de Cirencestre, tunc vicecomite, Willelmo de Someri, Henrico de Careville, Henrico de Campoflorido, Roberto de Dilington, Andrea de Comb.

**No. 78.** Gift by the lady Agnes Pancevot, of Combe, "pro salute," <sup>Fol. 34.</sup> &c., to the canons of Bruton, of two acres of her land in Combe, in the croft called "the four acres" under the Sprei, towards the south of the district (*plaga*).

Testibus :—Waltero de Legh, Rogero Fais.

**No. 79.** Grant by Thomas le Lung, with the assent of Isabella de la Pulle, his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of all the land of La Combe pertaining to him or to the said Isabella, viz. ten acres of arable land and a house with a curtilage, of which one acre lies in the croft by the said house of La Pulle.

Testibus :—Domino Matheo de Clyvedon, Domino Radulfo Sanzaver, militibus, W. de Careville, W. de Combe, R. Lupell[o], Thoma de Bonham.

*Herts*  
**No. 80.** Quitclaim by William de la Combe to Sir William the prior, and to the convent of Bruton of all his right in a piece of land called La Flete in the manor of Bruwham, adjoining the conventional fish-pond on the east.

Testibus:—W. Huscarl, Henrico de Campoflorido, Thoma de Wike, Thoma de Bonham, Benedicto de Milton, Johanne de Foet, Johanne Deverel.

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 Fol. 35. **No. 81.** Agreement made between Ralph, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, and Robert de Columbers, to wit, that pasture ought to be common every year between the prior and his men of Cumbe and the said Robert and his heirs, from Durlegegate through the ditch (*fossa*) called Grimesdich as far as the water of Combe, and so from Durlegeyate by the wood of the said Robert on the south side to Burningham. And the prior and Robert swore in the presence of Sir William de Dultinge, then dean of Kary, faithfully to observe this.

Testibus:—Domino Jordano de Clington, Waltero filio Walteri, W. de Aldingford.

*Bidesam*  
**No. 82.** Grant by Robert Pocherell, with the assent of Constance his wife and Richard his son and heir, by the grant of Henry Luvell his lord, for the good of his soul, to the canons of Bruton, of one hide of land in Bidesam.

Testes:—Henricus Luvellus, Willelmus filius Osberti, Jordanus de Broton, Gilbertus de Rocha.

*Honewick*  
**No. 83.** Confirmation in chapter at Wells, by Robert, bishop of Bath, of the gift of Henry Lovell to the canons of Bruton, of the whole land which Robert Torbert held in Wincaneton and a virgate of the land of his demesne in Honewick held by the canons at the time of the war, to hold freely for ever, for the support of one canon to serve God in the said church, for the soul of Drogo son of Richard de Monteacuto.

Testes:—Ivo decanus Wellensis, Robertus archidiaconus, Reginaldus precentor, Ricardus de Monteacuto clericus.

**No. 84.** Grant by King Henry [III], dated at Clarendon in the thirty-second year of his reign [16 June, 1248], to the prior and

convent of Bruton, that they and their successors for ever may have two horse-loads of dead wood every day in his demesne wood in the forest of Selewode.

Testibus:—Johanne de Plessetus comite Warwic, Roberto Passeelewe archidiacono Lewensi, Radulfo filio Nicholai, Johanne de Lexington, Paulino Peyvre, Roberto de Muscetros, Galfrido de Langley, Willelmo Gernun [Willelmo de Bello Monte].

**No. 85.** Grant by King Henry [III], dated at St. Albans in the thirty-sixth year of his reign [25 August, 1252], to the prior and convent of Bruton that they and their successors for ever may have twenty-five acres of the land of the pourpresture in their manor of Bruwham, outside the covert (*coopertum*) of his forest of Selewode, to be cleared and tilled, but subject to the run of the doe and its fawn, and of other wild animals; also that they can have seventy hogs at mast in his demesne wood in Bruwcombe, quit of pannage for ever; and that they can have one log every year in the same wood for their fuel against Christmas as in times past they were wont to have.

Testibus:—Galfrido de Lezignan, fratre nostro, Radulfo filio Nicholai, Bertramo de Crioll, Magistro Willelmo de Kilkenni archidiacono Coventrensi, W. de Chaenni, Ebulone de Montibus, Nicholao de Sancto Mauro, Rogero de Lokington, Johanne de Geres[ey].

**No. 86.** Gift by Hawise de Careville, in her lawful power, to the canons of Bruton, of the tenement which she had in Bruton of the grant of Gilbert Croylebois, the chaplain. “And that this my gift may hold the strength of perpetual firmness, I have procured the seal of Henry de Careville, my brother, to be set to the present writing.”

Testibus:—Henrico de Careville, W. de Godmanston, J. Huscarl, Henrico Poer, J. de Wike, W. Rugge.

**No. 87.** *Insperimus* and confirmation by John de Moyon, son and heir of John de Moyon, lord of Donestore, of the grants of William de Moyon, earl of Somerset, and William de Moyun, and Reginald, lords of Dunstore, his ancestors, to the canons of Bruton. Fol. 37.

Testibus:—Domino Johanne de Bello Campo, Ricardo de Haydon, Andrea Luttrell, militibus, Henrico de London, persona de Shepton Beauchamp, Rogero de Haydon, Roberto de Bello Campo, Petro de Dreycole, Roberto de la Grave, Johanne de Selers. Dated at Shepton Malet, Sunday after St. Dunstan, A.D. 1300.

*Hundred (and  
Bruton  
market)*

**No. 88.** At Somerton, before the justices in eyre, 3 Edward I. [1280], and thirty-six jurors of Catsash, Stone and Norton Hundreds, inquisition being made to find by what warrant the prior of Bruton holds his hundred-court of Bruton. The jurors found that the prior of Bruton and the convent of the same place have and hold the hundred and market of Bruton by ancient possession from a time of which memory runneth not, and he holds them of the King in chief, rendering two marks, yearly by the hand of the sheriff of Somerset.

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**No. 89.** The measure of the demesne lands of the Priory of Bruton as it stood in the fourteenth year of the reign of King Richard II.

- In the close called Hide are contained twenty-six acres.
- In the close called Harcherfeld, four acres, one rood.
- In the close at Bigelinche, thirteen acres, one rood.
- In the furlong by Forgod, called Poleynsland, five acres.
- In a piece of land called Nitherdon, seven acres.
- In the furlong upon Listhulle, twelve and a half acres.
- In a piece of land called Fotland, three acres, one rood.
- In the furlong called Ruagh, eight and a half acres.
- In a piece of land at Dykedmore, two acres, three roods.
- In the close called Archers Close, five acres, three roods.
- In the furlong called Kingsfurlong, twelve acres.
- In the furlong on the west side of the Coudre Malesfeld, seven acres.
- In the field called Walford on the east side of Dryfflade, fifty-five and a half acres.
- In the furlong on the east side of the Coudre below Mayersden, twelve and a half acres.

In the close at Nyweclos and Piddleston, thirty-five and a half acres.

*Burnegfield*  
In the close of Borefeld, &c., four and a half acres.

The second furlong on the same side, five acres.

The third furlong on the same side, five acres.

The fourth furlong nearest to Thirsmore, on the east side of the Grubbe, nine acres, two roods.

*Estnipp*  
The fifth furlong on that side, ten acres.

The sixth furlong near the highway towards Esthropp and by the close of William Lyndrake, thirteen acres, one rood.

In the close called Sydetrow, thirty-four acres.

In the close called Moiwode, nine acres, one rood.

In a piece of land on the west of the meadow called Gibbesmed, at the end of Nywe Clos, seven acres.

In another piece of land upon Piddleston, four acres.

Sum of all the acres aforesaid three hundred and ten acres, one rood.

**No. 90.** An inquisition taken at Bruton, on Monday next before Fol. 39. the feast of St. Martin the Bishop, 12 Ric. II. [1388], before Roger Manyngford, escheator in co. Somerset. By the oath of John Bruin, Edward Boteler, Thomas Careville, John Babington, John Clerk, of Regelbury, Robert Fats, Abel Kendale, John Still, and others, who say that amongst other manors of Edmund Clyvedon, knight, he held two parts of the manor of Milton, of Richard Seymour, knight, and a third part of the same manor, of the prior of Bruton, by knight service, viz. twenty shillings yearly, and that the said manor came to the hands of the king by the death of the same Edmund, by reason of the minority of Edmund Hogshawe, kinsman and heir of the said Edmund Clyvedon, viz. son of Emelina, daughter of the said Edmund Clyvedon, which said Edmund Hogshawe died on Thursday next after the feast of St. Michael last past; and that Joan Hogshawe and Margaret the wife of John Bluet, sisters of Edmund Hogshawe are his next heirs. Joan is of the age of twenty years and more, and Margaret eighteen years and more.

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Fol. 40. No. 91. A.D. 1389. Agreement made between the prior and convent of Bruton, and Sir John Stretche, knight, lord of Sevenhampton, by the intervention of Sir Richard Seymour, knight, and others, concerning certain ground surrounding the chapel of Sevenhampton. The said religious men shall permit the said ground to be had for their burial, and it is to be enclosed with a hedge and ditch and consecrated at the costs of the said John and the villeins of Sevenhampton, and the said John and the said villeins shall save the said religious men harmless from all charge for additional procurations.

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**Brocton [i.e. Bratton St. Maur].**

Fol. 41. No. 92. Grant by Girard de Brocton, for the good of his soul and those of Jordan his father, Matilda his mother, and Cristina his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of a messuage in Brocton which William Parmentar held, and sixty and a half acres of land in the west field of Brocton, to wit, in Bikehale four and a half acres, upon Hemelesdone four and a half acres, in Prauescombe sixteen acres, in Stanilande three acres, by Sikeswede two acres on Hemegrave; also in the east field of Brocton fifty nine acres. Testibus:—Ricardo de Muscugros, Willelmo filio Roberti de Godmanston, Henrico de Careville, Willelmo de Someri, Ricardo la Bule, Rogero Luvell, Walkelino de Bonham, Matheo de Betteville, Rogero de Broctona, R. filio Virgilis.

Fol. 42. No. 93. Grant by Girard de Brocton, to the canons of Bruton, of one hide in Brocton which he acquired by a final concord of duel waged in the King's court, where he was the claimant, and Henry Lovell and Robert [de] Lovinton tenants, saving the tenement of the church of St. Giles which Robert the clerk of Brocton holds, and saving the tenement of Reginald,

son of Harding, and Eva his wife, whose services he gave to the canons. Retaining nothing except prayers and that the canons shall perform one full service in the convent for his soul every year on the anniversary of his death, and on the anniversary days of his wife, his father, and his mother. On the day of his anniversary every canon shall have one simnel, one gallon of wine, and three dishes of flesh or fish.

Testibus :—Odone de Wondestre, Johanne filio Ricardi de Weston, Adam Giaigue, Willelmo Hurtevent.

**No. 94.** Girard de Brocton gives to the church of St. Mary of Bruton his wood of Broctone, called Northonlegh.

Testibus :—Ricardo Pauncevoth, Henrico de Careville, W. de Dreycole, Adam Giaiune, Luca de Campoflorido, Walkelino de Bonham, Philippo Ostrizar, Rogero Lupell[o].

**No. 94b.** Girard de Brocton gives to the church of St. Mary of Bruton, all his land in Bruton.

Testibus :—Roberto, Ricardo et Simone de Muscegros, Roberto filio Virgilis, W. Hurtevent.

**No. 95.** Confirmation by Aliva, daughter of Gerard de Brocton, “pro salute,” &c., of the charters of Gerard de Brocton her father, made to the church of St. Mary of Bruton. Dated 28 November, 17 Hen. III [1232] at Bruton, in the presence of Joceline, bishop of Bath.

Testibus :—Jocelino Dei gratia Bathoniensi episcopo, Magistro Hugone de Grainford, Rogero capellano domini episcopi, Magistro Ada, Gilberto de Dulting, Petro de Brainford, clericis, Willelmo de Someri, Jordano de Clinton, Ricardo Cotel, Luca de Campoflorido, Andrea de Combe, Stephano camerario, Reginaldo de Hautevin.

**No. 96.** Gerard de Brocton gives to the canons of Bruton, “pro salute,” &c., the right of the patronage of his church of Brocton. Fol. 43

Testibus :—Waltero de Esselegh, Odone de Wondestre, H. de Careville.

**No. 97.** Aliva, daughter of Gerard de Brocton, gives to the church of St. Mary of Bruton, lands in Brocton.

**No. 98.** Robert de Bagadrapa and Sibyl his wife confirm all the gifts of Gerard de Brocton made to the church of Bruton, in Brocton.

Testibus:—Waltero de Esselegh, Willelmo filio Roberti de Godmanston, Henrico de Careville, Jordano de Clington, Ricardo de Muscugros, Walkelino de Bonham.

Fol. 44. **No. 99.** Jordan de Clington, knight, confirms all the gifts of Gerard de Brocton made to the church of Bruton.

Testibus:—Roberto de Blakeford, Henrico de Careville, W. de Someri, W. de Stretton, W. de Dreycote.

**No. 100.** An agreement made A.D. 1228, between the prior and convent of Bruton and Jordan de Clington, knight, before the abbot of Muchelney, Master Robert de Berklei, Master Matthew de Lamport on the behalf of the prior, and Richard Cotele, Robert Blacoford, Robert de Meisi, on behalf of the said Jordan, Walter de Esselegh, being nominated supreme arbitrator, viz. that the prior and convent quitclaimed to the said Jordan their right of distraint upon those who hold the land assigned to the lights of the church of Brocton, which the prior and convent claimed by the charter of Girard de Brocton, and that Jordan, by reason of that distraint or of that holding, shall have no common in Linlegh.

**No. 101.** An agreement between brother Richard de la Grave, prior of Bruton, and John de Wyke touching a certain cattle-way which the prior and his men used to have with all their cattle of Brocton to the pasture of the said prior which is called Linlegh. The prior and his men shall have a way of the breadth of fifteen feet.

### Shepton.

Fol. 45. **No. 102.** Grant, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, by Richard de Monteacuto, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton, of

forty acres of his land of Shepton, to wit, in Frichelham, fifteen acres, one acre in Bregh Rad, six acres in Touui Bregh, and five acres in Putforlang next Towi Breghe, and common pasture in his manor of Shepton.

Testes:—Frates Turgiham, Radulfus et Walterus, presbyteri, Hugo de Monteacuto, Osbertus prepositus, Segarus de Bruwham, Willelmus Cnite, Rogerus KAESNET, Radulfus et Gervasius filii Osberti.

**No. 103.** Confirmation by William de Monteacuto, addressed to all his men as well French as English, of the gift which Richard de Monteacuto his father made to the canons of Bruton, of forty acres in his manor of Shepton, and of the gift by Roger de Someri in his fee of Dicheneston.

Testibus:—Magistro Alexandro decano Wellensi, Thoma archidiacono Wellensi, Radulfo decano de Gerlinton, Girardo de Brocton, W. de Stanton, Rogero Gian, W. de Someri, W. de Bosco, Henrico de Karevil.

**No. 104.** Robert, bishop of Bath, confirms the gift of Richard de Fol. 46. Monteacuto.

**No. 105.** Letter from Alice de Piro, formerly the wife of Richard de Monteacuto, addressed to the abbots of Evesham and Messenden, informing them that when the church of Shepton was vacant her sons, the heirs of the said Richard, to wit, William and Richard, conferred that church on the canons of Bruton for the good of the soul of their father, who elected to be buried in the church of Bruton: and that at that time the episcopal see was vacant and R. archdeacon of Wells, who held the episcopal place in the institutions of churches, inducted the said canons into the parsonage of the church of Shepton.

**No. 106.** Reginald, bishop of Bath, confirms the gifts made to the canons of Bruton, of the churches of Shepton Montague, and Middleton, otherwise Milton.

Testibus:—Ricardo decano Wellensi, Ricardo archidiacono Bathoniensi, Ricardo de Moyun, Magistro Gaufrido de Pisa, W. de Cicestr', Petro de Wint[on], W. de Schireburn.

**No. 107.** Grant by William de Monteacuto, for the good of his soul and those his ancestors and heirs, to the church of Bruton, of the church of Shepton "quantum ad patronum attinet": Joceline, bishop of Bath and Glaston, being present and consenting.

Hiis testibus:—Magistro Leonio decano, Alardo subdecano, Willelmo archidiacono, Thoma precentore Wellensis ecclesie, R. decano de Kari cum toto capitulo de Kari, Girardo de Brocton, Willelmo de Someri.

**No. 108.** Joceline, bishop of Bath, confirms the foregoing gift of the church of Shepton Montague in the tenth year of his pontificate.

Fol. 47. **No. 109.** Award made by bishop Joceline, at Keynesham Abbey A.D. 1235, in a dispute between the prior and convent of Bruton, and Master Adam, archdeacon of Oxford, concerning the church of Shepton, previously referred to the precentor of Salisbury and other papal delegates. The prior and convent shall have the said church from henceforth, saving to the archdeacon his corn and hay and all his moveable things being at the said church and the dwelling-house of the same church at the time of this ordinance, and saving to him the use of the houses pertaining to the said church, for threshing his tithe corn. Afterwards he ordains that the prior and convent shall pay fifteen marks yearly to the archdeacon at Bradenstoke Priory, Wilts.

**No. 110.** Confirmation by the chapter of Wells of the gift of the church of Shepton.

**No. 111.** Confirmation by the chapter of Bath concerning the said church of Shepton.

**No. 112.** *Insperimus* and confirmation by William de Monteacuto, the younger, of the charter of William de Monteacuto, his grandfather, by which he granted the church of Shepton to the canons of Bruton.

Testibus:—Domino Reginaldo de Moyun. Domino Roberto de Bellocampo, Domino Henrico de Ortiaco, Domino R. de Lexeton, Jordano Oliveri, R. de Blakford, W. de Draicote, W. de Someri.

**No. 113.** Final concord made at Schirburn in the 20th year of the reign of King Henry [1236], son of King John, before Robert de Lexington, Robert de Bellocampo, Henry de Ortiaco Jordan Oliver, justices in eyre, between William de Monteacuto, plaintiff, and Stephen, prior of Bruton, deforciant, of the advowson of the church of Shepton, by which William acknowledged the said advowson to be the right of the prior and his church of Bruton as of the gift of William de Monteacuto, grandfather of the said William, whose heir he is. To have and to hold to the prior and to his successors in free and perpetual almoin. And the prior received the said William and his heirs into all benefits and prayers which should be made in the church of Bruton for ever.

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### Middleton or Milton.

**No. 114.** Grant by William de Clyvedon, for the good of his soul fol. 48. and those of his parents and friends, to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Middleton.

Testibus:—Roberto, archidiacono, Ilberto et Gervasio decanis, Roger de Alderforda. Archdeacon Robert having already invested the canons at Cary in full chapter “me presente.” “Hanc tamen ecclesiam Robertus filius clericus tenere debet de predictis canoniciis et reddere eis annuatim unum aureum eo tenore ut priusquam dimiserit eam ex toto canonici illam possideant.” Robert the clerk had sworn to observe his part of this arrangement.

**No. 115.** Confirmation by Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury.

**No. 116.** Grant, addressed to Reginald, bishop of Bath, &c., by Philip, son of Thomas de Eston, “pro salute,” &c., to the canons of Bruton, of a ferling (*ferdingus*) of land in Milton. And if it shall happen that he cannot warrant that land to them they

shall have the land which Thomas, his father, gave to them in Estone and the land which Hawise, his grandmother, gave to them in almoин.

Testibus:—Ricardo de Moyun, &c.

**No. 117.** Grant by Hawise, sister of Robert [Burnell], bishop of Bath, with the consent of her husband William de Clyvedon, and with the assent of Matilda, her daughter and heir, and of Osbert Deneis her (Matilda's) husband, and for the good of the souls of her parents and friends, to the canons of Bruton, of her two bondmen (*nativos*), Selewan and Alvred, and all their land, to wit, two ferlings (*ferdingi*) in almoин. As she has no proper seal, the charter is attested by her signature (*scripto*) and by the seal of her husband.

Testes sunt Gilbertus de Perci, Willelmus de Clivedon, Alvredus de Monte Sorel, W. de Ang's, Robertus de Comb.

Fol. 49. **No. 118.** Confirmation by Robert Deneis and Matilda his wife, for the good of their souls, to the canons of Bruton, of the half virgate of land and two rustics which Hawise sister of Robert, bishop of Bath, gave to the said canons.

Testibus:—Willelmo de Monteacuto, Roberto de Rotomago, Gilberto de Roca, Hugone de Monteacuto, Roberto de Comb.

**No. 119.** Grant by John de Clivedon and Agatha his wife and Matthew their son and heir, for the good of their souls and their parents', to the chapel of St. Lawrence in the parish of Middleton, of four acres in one year, and three and a half acres in another year, two of which acres are next the said chapel towards the east in Rigarstone, and a fourth by the cross towards Henngrave. They also grant the run of one horse, two oxen, and two cows in their fenced land, besides the use of the common pasture.

Testibus:—Radulfo de Clivedon, Adam Walensi, H. Bastard, Adam de Henngrave.

Fol. 50. **No. 120.** *Insperimus* and confirmation by Robert le Deneis, his brother's, John le Deneis, gift of St. Laurence's Chapel near Crich.

Testibus:—W. de Godmanston, H. de Careville, Ada de Barewell.

**No. 121.** Grant and licence by Nicholas Seymour, lord of Kary, to the prior and convent of Bruton and their successors to acquire from his tenants all the lands, tenements, meadows, and pastures in his fee of Bykewyke by Bruwton which John de Mershton held of him ; to hold to their own uses in pure and perpetual almoin ; retaining nothing to him and his heirs except the masses, prayers, and anniversaries for him and Muriel his wife and his ancestors according to what appears in the Martyrology.

Testibus :—Willelmo Welde, Johanne de Draycote, Johanne Champflour de Wyke, Nicholao Huscarle, Willelmo de Saundford.

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### Banwell.

**No. 122.** Grant by Robert, bishop of Bath, to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Banewell, because their possessions are not sufficient.

Testes :—Ivo decanus Wellensis, Reginaldus precentor, Robertus archidiaconus, Magister Alvredus, Edwardus, &c.

**No. 123.** Confirmation by Reginald, bishop of Bath, and the chapter Fol. 51. of Bath and Wells.

Testes :—Thomas de Erleia, &c.

**No. 124.** Confirmation by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, in presence of the King and the Court.

(i) Testibus :—Henrico filio Regis, Ricardo Pictavensi archidiacono, Roberto de Belfou, et R. Henrico.

(ii) Testibus :—Thoma Cantuar, archiepiscopo, Ricardo Pictavensi archidiacono, Johanne Commino, Ada de Gernem[ue], Henrico filio Giroldi camerario, Radulfo de Camvilla, Ivone decano Wellensi, Roberto filio Viviani. Per manum Stephani capellani apud Wodstok.

**No. 125.** Confirmation by Richard, archbishop of Canterbury, of all the gifts made to the church of Bruton, of the churches of Pereton, Banewell, Westbery, Shepton, Cherleton, and Middleton.

Fol. 52. **No. 126.** *Punt* The like confirmation by Reginald, bishop of Bath.

**No. 127.** Grant by Robert de la Stocka, for the souls of his successors and predecessors, to the church of Bruton, of seven acres of land and one acre of meadow in his land of La Stocke, at Beuesham, with the messuage which Milesent held.

**No. 128.** Confirmation addressed to Reginald, bishop of Bath, by John de Stocka to the church of Bruton, of the grant of Robert his son. Also confirmation by Robert, son of John de Stocka, and his heirs, of the gift which Constance, formerly the wife of Robert Polyel, and their heirs, made to the church of Bruton, of the land of Cranedon and of Ivelcestre.

Testibus:—Willelmo de Spackston, sub-archidiacono, David decano de Bled, Radulfo decano de Ivelcestre, Roberto capellano de Cerceles (Churchill.)

**No. 129.** Simon, son of Simon de Shipham, at the prayer of his mother and with the consent of Joan his wife, gives his meadow at Stocke to the church of Bruton.

Fol. 53. **No. 130.** Geoffrey Catheurius, son of Geoffrey Catheurius, gives lands in Cerceles to the church of Bruton.

**No. 131.** Award of Joceline bishop of Bath, dated at Bath in his twenty-fifth year [1231-2], reciting that there has been a controversy between William, archdeacon of Wells, of the one part, and Richard, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of the other part, because the archdeacon exacted from the prior and convent procuration of the chapel of Cerceles and wished to hold his chapter there, and on the other hand the prior and convent said that the archdeacon had no procuration there, nor ought he of right to hold his chapter there, and that the said chapel should be a chapel of the mother church of Banewell, which is free

from all jurisdiction of the archdeacon of Wells, and that neither he, the archdeacon, nor any of his predecessors ever held their chapter in the said chapel nor had the procuration, and ordaining as follows :—The said W. the archdeacon shall take one procuration only on his [visitation] days ; he shall hold his chapter in the said chapel for his life when he shall wish, and he shall have the suit of the men of Robert Fitzpayne, and from the men of John de la Stocka as long as he shall be archdeacon of Wells. And all the other parishioners of Cerceles shall do suit at the chapter of the prior and convent of Bruton at Banewell.

Testibus :—Petro decano Wellensi, J. cancellario, H. archidiacono Bathoniensi, L. subdecano.

**No. 132.** Grant by Robert son of Richard de Modeslega, for the Fol. 54  
good of his soul and that of Margery his wife, to the church of  
Bruton, of five acres of land in his fee of Pantesida which lie near  
the messuage which William Pont held.

**No. 133.** Robert Malherbe grants that Robert, son of Richard  
de Modeslegh, may give lands in Pantesida to the church of  
Bruton.

Testibus :—Rogero capellano, Henrico Malherbe.

**No. 133.** Grant by Thomas la Warre, lord of Roveston to the  
canons of Bruton, of a piece of his land which is called Suxacres  
in augmentation of the barton of their grange of Roveston,  
containing two perches in length and two perches in breadth.

Testibus :—Domino Rogero filio Pagani, Domino W. Douile, J.  
Vincent, H. de Wolfar', R. la Warre.

**No. 134.** Grant addressed to Reginald, bishop of Bath, by Henry Fol. 55.  
Tortamanus to the church of Bruton, of his chapel of Wring-  
mareis.

Testibus :—Reginaldo episcopo Bathoniensi, Radulfo archi-  
diacono, David decano.

**No. 135.** Certificate by I. de Ikeford, dean of Axbridge, and chapter  
of Axbridge to R. the prior of Hoccombon, and the dean of

Exeter [papal delegates], that the prior of Bruton and Theobald de Bucketot, parson of Cungresbury, being before them in full chapter at Axebrige, Theobald confessed that he had no right in the chapel of Pokereleston (Puxton) and besought pardon from the said prior.

Fol. 56. No. 136. Grant by Walter, rector of the church of Pubbelewe (Publow), "pro salute," &c., of all the land which he had in Putteworthe, with two acres of meadow of the fee of John de Stocky.

Testibus :—Tebaldo persona de Cungresbury, R. filio Pagani, A. la Warre, W. filio Alani de Langford, R. de Hulle, R. Alard.

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### Westbury sub Mendip.

No. 136B. Grant by Robert, bishop of Bath, to the church of Bruton, of the church of Westbury.

Testibus :—Petro priore Bathoniensi, Ricardo decano Wellensi, Hamone fratre episcopi.

No. 137. Reginald, bishop of Bath, confirms the gift of the church of Westbury to the church of Bruton.

Testibus :—W. de Spinevall, Ger. de Pennard, Galfrido de Pisa.

No. 138. Grant by Reginald, bishop of Bath, "pro salute," &c., to the church of Bruton, of tithe of the beasts (*agrestium ferarum*) of his park of Westbury, and tithe of his mills of Banewell.

Testibus :—Hamone priore de Witheham et R. ejusdem loci procuratore, Waltero priore de Bokeland.

No. 139. Confirmation of the above by Savaric, bishop of Bath.

Fol. 57. No. 140. Grant by Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, "pro salute," &c. to the church of Bruton, of tithe of the pannage of his park of Westbury.

**No. 141.** Robert, bishop of Bath, A.D. 1159, ended the litigation touching the church of Westbury and its chapel of Stoke, on the petition of Roger Witeng, lord of Stoke, of whom Simon de Sancto Laudo and Robert Malherbe hold lands in that parish.

**No. 142.** Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells, in his fifteenth year, 1290, with the counsel and assent of his chapter of Wells, recognises the validity of the appropriation of Westbury, imperilled by bishop Button's nominating "per incuriam" a rector, but saves to the bishops the right of collating a vicar and of endowing him, and also a pension of forty shillings to the cathedral of Wells.

**No. 143.** Ordering and taxation of the vicarage of Westbury by *fol. 58.*  
Henry Husee, official of Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells.

The vicar shall have the area with the curtilage and the dove-cote which Sir B. de Wellington had in Westbury opposite the bishop's court-house in which area the prior and convent of Bruton shall construct anew a fitting hall with a chamber in which the vicar shall live.

The vicar shall take all obventions and small tithes pertaining to the mother church and its chapel of Prydie together with the mortuaries and chirchset due and accustomed at Westbury and Prydie.

The vicar shall have three acres of meadow in Stockmede, and their tithe, and the herbage of the cemeteries of Westbury and Prydie and the whole tithe of hay pertaining to the chapel of Prydie.

He shall also have one log from the bishop's park every Christmas.

The vicar shall appoint to the office of carrying the holy water of Westbury and Prydie, and shall provide a fit priest to celebrate divine services in the chapel of Prydie who shall dwell continually in the same parish, having a dwelling-house and curtilage there.

The collation of the vicarage shall rest with the bishop.

## South Petherton.

## Charters of Perreton, to wit, South Pederton.

Fol. 59. No. 144. Gift by Henry [II], King of England, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and Earl of Anjou, to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Perreton in almoin.

Testibus:—Ricardo Wintonensi, Gaufrido Eliensi, Petro Cicestrensi, episcopis, Galfrido cancellario, filio meo, Magistro Waltero de Constantia, Oxonefordensi archidiacono, Ranulfo de Glanville, Hugone de Morwiche.

No. 145. Reginald, bishop of Bath, confirms the gift of King Henry.

No. 146. Official notification to his very dear kinsman, Thomas de Erlega his archdeacon, by Reginald, bishop of Bath, that he has granted the church of Perreton to the canons, at the petition of his lord Henry, king of England.

No. 147. Confirmations of the said grants of the church of Perreton by Richard and Hubert, archbishops of Canterbury.

Fol. 60. No. 148. Confirmation by Walter de Maine to the canons of Bruton, of the grant which his ancestors made to the church of St. Peter of Perreton, and to Roger, parson of the same church, and his successors, of a virgate of land which Osmund had in Perriton and two ferlings of land which Godric Buccula and Richard Bacstreng held there.

Testibus:—Cecilia comitissa uxore mea, Willelmo de Sancto Lupo.

No. 149. Quitclaim by Philip de Albaniaco “pro salute,” &c., to the canons of Bruton of a payment of thirteen shillings and eight pence, which they were wont to pay annually from Perreton.

Testibus:—Domino Hugone de Meriet, Domino Thoma de Cirencestre, Henrico de Berneville, A. de Dureville, Hamone de Gardino.

**No. 150.** Philip de Albania[co] releases the men of the prior and convent of Bruton at Perreton from doing suit at the hundred-court of Perreton.

He also grants the run of eight oxen and one bull in his pasture with his oxen, quit, and that they shall have one acre sown with wheat (*inbladatum*) in his demesne in the same town, and one load of wheat every year. Moreover, he wills that they shall possess in peace the grange which is in Barington.

**No. 151.** Ralph de Albaniaco confirms all the gifts of his uncle Philip de Albaniaco to the church of Bruton, &c.

Testibus:—Domino Willelmo de Cheyni, Willelmo de Englebi, A. de Dureville.

**No. 152.** Simon de Sevenhampton gives to the church of Perreton <sup>Fol. 61.</sup> in perpetual almoин four pence annually.

Testibus:—Decano de Pukinton, Henrico de Vilers, Quintino de Cory malet, Roberto de Dilinton.

**No. 153.** Grant by Eustace de Revill, by the wish of William his son and heir, “pro salute,” &c., to the canons of Bruton, of two messuages in Compton.

Testibus:—A. de Meryet, Osberto filio W., Reginaldo de Bath, R. de Cruket.

**No. 154.** Geoffrey Corbin, of Perreton, gives to the church of St. <sup>Fol. 62.</sup> Mary of Bruton, a piece of land in Perreton.

**No. 155.** John de Walesham confirms to the church of Bruton three acres in Perriton, &c.

**No. 156.** Quit-claim dated A.D. 1289, by Alice who was the wife of Tellan the miller, in her pure widowhood, and with the assent of Nicholas her son and heir, “pro salute,” &c., to the canons of Bruton, of all her right in the canons’ enclosure near their court between Perreton and Balloksmore towards the south.

Testibus:—Domino Humfrido le Kael, Domino Willelmo de Loveni, Domino Waltero de Urtiaco (L’Orti), Domino Willelmo

de Wygber, militibus, Ricardo Pike, H. de Brug, Rogero de Walesham, Johanne de Gard, et Johanne Cadok.

**No. 157.** Joan the wife of John le Somenur quitclaims to the prior and convent of Bruton her right in the common of pasture of Superton.

Fol. 63. **No. 158.** Deed, dated at Perreton, A.D. 1251, by which William de Cheney, knight, attorney of Sir Ralph de Albaniaco, makes known that the prior and convent of Bruton agreed with him for Sir Ralph concerning the confirmation of certain alms and liberties formerly granted by Sir Philip de Albaniaco. For which confirmation the said canons shall give Sir Ralph five marks and one cask of wine if the said Sir Ralph shall be willing to receive it on his coming into England.

**No. 159.** Humphrey le Kael gives to the prior and convent of Bruton in perpetual almoyn ten acres of land in Compton Durevile, six acres which he had of the gift of Reginald de Berneville, &c.

Testibus:—Domino Willelmo de Urtiaco, milite, J. de Meriet, Hamundo Denebaud, Philippo Denebaud, A. de Lambr, R. Moreis.

Fol. 64. **No. 160.** Nicholas de la Cherchehende releases to the prior and convent of Bruton all right which he had in a virgate of land in Bruton, in the fifty-fourth year of the reign of King Henry [III. 1270-1].

Testibus:—W. de Careville, W. de Bonham, Henrico de Campoflorido, W. de la Combe, Radulfo Huscarl, J. de Upton, W. de Loveini, G. le Noble.

**No. 161.** John de Grindham, prior of Bruton, Sir Andrew Wake, Humphrey Kael, W. de Loveni, W. de Wigbury, Alan de Fornaus, knights, J. de Gard, J. le Somenour, 8 Edw. I. [1279-80]. Also Adam de Greinvile the King's justice in eyre in the same year.

## Sebenhampton or Seabington.

**No. 162.** Award by the bishop's official, John de Ikeford, in decanal chapter at Ivelchester, in a controversy touching the chapel of Seavington.

The priory and convent of Bruton shall find a chaplain and clerk resident at Sevenhampton. Robert de Vallibus, at the petition of Alice, his mother, gives them a messuage and a curtilage, and the right of commoning two bullocks and ten sheep in addition to former rights, viz. two oxen, two cows, a horse, and thirty sheep.

Testibus:—Magistro J. de Ikeford, tunc officiali, Osberto clero de Stoke.

**No. 163.** Composition, A.D. 1285, between Andrew, the abbot, and the convent of Athelingenye (Athelney), and John, the prior, and the convent of Bruton. The prior and convent grant that the abbot and convent shall take annually for ever, as from olden time they were wont to take “ratione dominii” in one acre only of each half virgate of their villeins of Sevenhampton, a certain portion of the crop (*investura*) of the same acre, viz. twenty perches in length and one in breadth.

**No. 164.** Quitclaim by Robert de Bule, parson of Chilton, to the church of Bruton, of one pound of wax, which he wrongfully received for the tithes of Wigbere. Fol. 65.

**No. 165.** Agreement between William, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, and Helen Hostiaria, daughter of William Hostiarius: to wit, the prior and convent grant to the said Helen and her heirs, that they may have a chantry in their oratory of Wigeburgh and the said lady and her heirs shall present a chaplain to the prior and convent. The chaplain shall swear that he will not usurp to himself any of the obventions of the said oratory nor any of the tithes of the said town. The said lady and her heirs shall provide the necessaries for the said chaplain. And for this grant the said lady gave to the mother church of Perreton six

acres of land in Stratton, to wit, Northovere by Eldebrige, &c., and one pound of wax yearly.

Testibus :—venerabili patre Jocelino Bathoniensi episcopo, Willelmo de Monteacuto, N. de Meriet, Johanne Wac[e], Jer[ardo] de Broton, H. de Kareville, W. de Bonham, H. Archer.

**No. 166.** Confirmation by Joceline, bishop of Bath, of the same chantry of Helen Hostiaria, in the second year of his pontificate.

Fol. 67. **No. 167.** Richard, prior of Bruton, and the convent of the same place give to Geoffrey, son of John Barington, one acre of land in Barinton near the 'cultura' which is called Hermelie.

Testibus :—Hugone de Merriet, Milone de Luppena (Lopen), Johanne de Walesham, N. de Dureville, Clemente de Perreton, Willelmo Coterell.

**No. 168.** Decree of Joceline, bishop of Bath, dated at Woky in the thirty-fifth year of his pontificate, touching the chapel of Barrington.

Having considered the inconvenience and risk of carrying corpses from Barrington to the mother church of Petherton, and having dedicated a cemetery at Barrington for the burial of parishioners of Barrington, with consent of the priory, he decrees that this privilege shall not be taken to make Barrington chapel a mother church or liable to procurations.

Fol. 68. **No. 169.** Extract from another ordinance of Bishop Joceline. No archdeacon of Tanton shall exact a procuracy from the chapel of Barrington. But if it shall happen that the house of the chaplain be deemed too near to the said chapel, and is ordered by the bishop to be removed, the parishioners shall be bound to provide a competent area near the chapel outside the cemetery, and there build him a house.

**No. 170.** Richard de Weleton grants to John, the prior, and to the convent of Bruton, one acre and one perch in Barrington, adjoining the land of Sir Ralph de Albaniaco, 17 Edward.

Testibus :—Dominis Humfrido le Kael, Waltero de Loveni. Elya de Aubeny, militibus, R. de Stokelinche, J. de Gard[ino], R. de Molendino, Henrico de Molendino.

**No. 171.** Grant by Nicholas de Meriet, with the assent of Agatha Fol. 69.  
his wife, and of Hugh his son and heir, for the good of his soul,  
to the canons of Bruton, of the chapel of Lopene.

Testibus :—Gervasio clero de Axem', H. de Careville, H. de  
Campoflorido, Henrico et Thoma de Meriet fratribus, Ric[ardo]  
de Cottesden, Aldelmo fratre ejus, Thoma de Cutiveille, Radulfo  
Westover, W. de Sorewell, W. de Eston.

**No. 172.** Notification by Robert, archdeacon of Bath, that Nicholas  
de Meriet, in the full Chapter of Ilmenistre, at Aishell, had given  
to the church of Bruton as much as pertained to him in the  
chapel of Lopene.

Testibus :—Ricardo vicearchidiacono de Spart, W. decano de  
Ilmenistre.

**No. 173.** Hugh de Meriet, son of Nicholas de Meriet, confirms the  
gift to the church of Bruton, of his chapel of Lopene which  
Nicholas de Meriet, his father, gave to them with the tithes of  
Kingsdone pertaining to the same chapel.

Testibus :—R. de Bellocampo, Thoma de Cirencestre tunc  
vicecomite, Henrico de Campoflorido, Henrico de Careville,  
Thoma Bonet, Roberto de Wirecestre, W. de Englebi.

**No. 174.** Joceline, bishop of Bath, in the third year of his pontificate  
institutes Gilbert, the prior, and the canons of Bruton to the  
chapel of Lopene and a portion of the tithe of the demesne of  
Meriet granted by Nicholas de Meriet, knight, which (tithe)  
Roger, archdeacon of Winchester, in former times possessed.

Testibus :—Thoma de Thornac, &c.

**No. 175.** A.D. 1267, on the Feast of All Saints. An agreement and  
exchange made between Sir William, prior of Bruton, and  
the convent of the same place, of the one part, and Sir William  
de Urtiaco and Elizabeth his wife, of the other part, viz. the  
prior and convent grant to the said William and Elizabeth  
twenty acres of arable land, and four acres of meadow in  
Lopene, of which seventeen acres lie in Hangerlond, three acres  
lie in Waterlete, and four acres of meadow lie in Alrenemedo, in  
exchange for twenty acres of arable land and four acres of

meadow in Lopene, of which thirteen acres lie in Trokeheye and seven acres lie on the hill next the land of William Pert on the west side, and four acres of meadow lie in Brademede. To have and to hold to the said William and Elizabeth and to their assigns as long as the said Elizabeth shall live. And after her death they shall revert to John, lord of Meriet, and to his heirs or assigns.

Testibus:—Domino Willelmo de Monteacuto, Domino W. Ouer, R. de Wyg [bere], Humfrido Kael, J. de Gard[ino].

Fol. 70. **No. 176.** Grant by John de Meriet to the canons of Bruton, of twenty acres of arable land and twenty acres of meadow in Lopene, of which thirteen acres lie in Trokeheye.

Testibus:—Domino Willelmo de Monteacuto, Domino R. de Wigeb[ere], Domino W. Everard, militibus, Juliano de Molen-dino, J. de Gard[ino], H. de Brug.

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## Swell.

**No. 177.** Gift by Walter de Esselegh, for the good of his soul, to the canons of Bruton, by the wish of Godeheath his wife, of the church of Swelle, and half a virgate of land in his manor of Swelle in endowment of that church, to wit, in Babforlang six and a half acres, in Crouforlang one acre, in another field in Wedgorston three acres, one acre in the same place called Hokedacre, on the Ham one acre, on Yorne two and a half acres, and one acre of meadow in Langmede.

Testibus:—Domino Jocelino episcopo Bathoniensi, Willelmo abbate de Glastonia, Ricardo abbate [de] Muchelnay, Jordano de Clington, Henrico de Careville, Luca de Campoflorido.

Fol. 71. **No. 178.** Joceline, bishop of Bath, confirms the gift by Walter de Asselegh, knight, of his church of Swelle to the canons of Bruton, in the sixteenth year of his pontificate.

No. 179. Ordinance by John [Peckham], archbishop of Canterbury that from henceforth the vicar of Perreton shall have for his sustenance the portions which he had in the name of the vicarage at the time of his institution, viz. all oblations and obventions of the altar of the mother church of Perretone and the small tithes of the said mother church; except the tithes of the mills and oblations of wax on the feast of the Purification, which pertain to the sacristan of Bruton. And the priory shall have all great tithes and find services for the three chapels of Barrington, Sevenhampton, and Cheleton.

## ORIGINAL CARTULARY.

### Cherleton.

*Chart. A.D.*

No. 180. Petition from John son of Hamon to bishop Robert (with Fol. 73. the consent of William, his son and heir, "pro salute," &c.), to confirm his gift to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Cherleton.

Testes:—Arduinus et Willelmus sacerdotes, Willelmus et Ricardus et Rogerus filii mei, et Willelmus frater meus, et Willelmus filius Radulfi, Willelmus Ruffus, W. de Cormeil', W. [de Loderford ?], Robertus Brito,

No. 181. Petition from William son of John to bishop Robert to confirm the gift which his father made of the church of Cherleton to the canons of Bruton.

Testes:—Arduinus et Willelmus sacerdotes, Walterus et Willelmus avunculi, Ricardus et Rogerus fratres mei, W. filius Radulfi, W. Ruffus, W. de Cormeil', Walterus de Loderfor[d].

No. 182. Confirmation by Robert, bishop of Bath, of the gift of John son of Hamon, and William, his heir, of the church of Cherleton, the bishop giving cure of souls and induction to the priory, and Roger son of Odo quit-claiming his right to the advowson of the same church, concerning which he had begun a suit. Done in full chapter at Ivelcestre.

Testes:—Robertus Wellensis archidiaconus, Robertus ejusdem ecclesie subdecanus, Paris, Magister Eustachius, W. de Sancta Fide, Magister Martinus, Odo, Rogerus decanus Ivelcestre, Magister Arnoldus de Coker, Godefridus de Mertock.

**No. 183.** *Insperimus* and confirmation by Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, of the deeds of Robert and Reginald, his predecessors, by which they confirmed the grants of William de Moiun of the church of Menhaved, and of John son of Hamon, and William his heir, of the church of Cherleton, to the canons of Bruton.

Hii testibus:—Magistro Alano de Oreton tunc officiario Thome subdecani Wellensis, Roberto priore Bathon', Willielmo capellano, Johanne Canuel, Stephano clerico de Haversam, J. de Porta, Gill' Gimel, clericis, W. de Stiuet[on], R. Albo.

**No. 184.** Final concord made on Wednesday next after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, at Yvelcestre, in the eighth year of the reign of king John, before James de Poterna, H[enry], archdeacon of Stafford, Richard Fleming (*Flandrensis*), and John de Briwes, justices of assize, by which William Fitz-Adam quit-claimed all his right in the advowson of the church of Cherleton to the prior and convent of Bruton for five marks.

**No. 185.** Ratification by William Fitz-Adam, of the foregoing final concord concerning the advowson of the church of Cherleton, which John son of Hamon and William his heir, whose bodies rest in the church of St. Mary, Bruton, gave to the prior and canons.

Fol. 74. **No. 186.** Grant by William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, the elder, of an acre of land in his manor of Cherleton, to endow the church of St. Peter the Apostle of Cherleton Adam in pure and perpetual almoin, viz. that acre which lies at the head of the five acres of the canons of Bruton, towards the east, and extends to the meadow called Watemere.

**No. 187.** Grant by William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, the elder, with the assent of A[lice], his wife, and A[dam], his heir, to the canons of Bruton, in perpetual almoin, for the increase of the tenement of their church of Cherleton, of two acres of land next

their barn ; and an acre of meadow in Westmeth near the meadow of Richard de Mucegros ; and pasture for six oxen, rendering twelve pence annually. And for this grant the canons gave him of their liberality in his great necessity fifty shillings, to A[lice], his wife, twelve pence, to A[dam], his heir, sixpence, to Roger, his brother, sixpence, and to William, his uncle, sixpence.

**No. 188.** Grant by William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, the elder with the assent of Isabella, his wife, and his heirs, to the canons, regular of Bruton, of pasture for two oxen and one plough-beast with his cattle.

**No. 189.** Grant by Adam, son of William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, to William, son of William Fitz-Adam, his brother, lawfully begotten of Alice his mother, of all the land which he had by the death of William Fitz-Adam, his father, whose heir he was, in the town of Cherleton, and in Fodedene, and in Stodlonde, rendering annually to him and his heirs, or assigns, one pair of white gloves or one penny for all service, exaction and secular demand, saving the foreign service of the lord the king. And for this grant the said William gave him one hundred shillings as a fine (*in gersummam*).

Hiiis testibus :—Domino Johanne Mautravers, Domino W. de Moyun, Domino Th. le Bretun, Henrico de Campo Florido.

**No. 190.** Grant by William son of William called Fitz-Adam, to the canons of Bruton, of his whole manor of Cherleton in pure and perpetual almoin.

Hiiis testibus :—Domino W. de Monte Acuto, Domino Henrico Lupell[o], Domino Galfrido de Maundevile, Domino Radulfo Sanzaver, Domino Martino de Legh, Domino Johanne de Reigni de Ludeford, Willelmo de Miltona, Rogero de Bleybury, Waltero de Cantelbere.

**No. 191.** Confirmation of Geoffrey de Maundevile, the chief lord, <sup>Fol. 75.</sup> concerning the said manor.

Grant by Geoffrey de Maundevile, for the love of God and for the good of the souls of himself, his wife Mabel, and their children, to the church and canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoin, of the whole lordship, which he had or could

have in one knight's fee in the manor of Cherleton Fitz-Adam; except the dower of Margery, the wife of William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, if she shall survive her said husband. And for this the said canons gave him 50 marks.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Radulfo sine averio, Domino Yvone de Stourton, militibus, Willelmo de Milton, Rogero Lupell[o], Willelmo de la Combe, Th. de Bradelega, Willelmo de Speketon, Roberto de Berton, Waltero Hamund.

**No. 192.** Notification by Geoffrey de Maundevile to William, son of William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, that he has granted to the canons of Bruton free and perpetual entry into one knight's fee in Cherleton Fizadam which is of his fee of the gift of Sir Thomas le Bretun.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Radulfo sine averio, &c., as above.

[In the margin of the MS. referring to the preceding charter is written :] The same Thomas (holds) of Henry son of Richard de Morton, and the same Henry (holds) of the king.

**No. 193.** Grant by Robert Franciscus to the canons of Bruton, "pro salute," &c., in pure and perpetual almoin, of a messuage with half an acre of land in Cherleton, of William Fitz-Adam, near the croft which is called Windelesore, which Hugh the chaplain formerly held.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Reginaldode Moyun, Domino H[enrico] filio Ricardi, Hamelo de Dand', H. de Karev[ill].

**No. 194.** Grant by Robert Fraunceis, of Cherleton, to William de Sancto Edwardo, the prior, and the canons of Bruton for ever, of eighteen acres of arable land and three acres of meadow of his land in Cherleton, to wit, ten acres in one field and eight in another: whereof ten acres lie in the north field of Cherleton, one and a half acres of which lie in the Stretfurlong, on the south of the land of Thomas de Perham, one acre upon the Mullebroc, at Seuwestappe, near the land of John Norman, one acre in the furlong which is called Reuedol, one acre upon the Mullebroc, one acre upon the Fordhulle, near the land of the prior on the

\* Called Robert le Fraunceis in the rubricated heading.

south side, one acre upon the Aldedune, near the land of Gricia the widow, half an acre at the head of that acre on the south side, one acre which extends upon the said half acre on the west side, one acre on the east of the Witheheye, and an acre in the slade on the east of the Witheheye. And in the south field of Cherleton lie eight acres, two of which lie on the Lauerslade, one against the hill, half an acre in Crudforlong, near the land of Margery de Kary on the north, one acre which extends upon the way which is called Fos, two acres benethe strete, one acre in the slade on the east of the Wiyeheye, half an acre in the Langelonde, which extends upon the pasture which is called Matforde, on the west side, two acres of meadow lie in the Estmede, and one acre in Hullemede, near the meadow of the said prior: rendering annually to him and his heirs, as much as pertains to so great a tenement, together with his other tene- ments to make up ten shillings of rent annually, in free socage only for all services and suits of his court, &c.

Hiis testibus:—Rogero de Pleybury, Thoma de Bradelega, R. de Hurdecote, capellano, R. de Barth', R. Luvel, H. de Campo Florido, Th. de Wike.

**No. 195.** Confirmation by Robert son of Roger Fitzpayn, of the Fol. 76. charter of Robert Fraunceys by which he granted to the canons of Bruton eighteen acres of arable land and three acres of meadow in Cherleton. Nevertheless the said canons shall render to the said Robert twenty-six pence at the four terms of the year, at Cherleton.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Waltero de Burges, tunc vicecomite Somerset, Domino Bartholomeo de Emneberg, Johanne de Reyni, militibus, R. Brachel, R. Blachet, R. Cridenhull, W. filio Ade.

**No. 196.** Grant by Hamund son of Hamund de Cherleton, to the canons of Bruton in frank, pure and perpetual almoins of all things which he had in the manor of Cherleton or elsewhere.

Hiis testibus:—Dominis Hugone Luvel, Rogero filio Pagani, Alano de Waltona, militibus, Th[oma] de Reyni, R. de Kary, R. de Pleybury, W. Page.

**No. 197.** Grant by Thomas de Reyni to the canons of Bruton in pure, frank and perpetual almoins, of half a virgate of land in

Cherleton Fizadam, and two and a half acres of meadow, and pasture for two oxen, adjacent to the said land, all which he at one time held of William le Mareschal of la Lade.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Ivone de Stourton, Willelmo de Doueliz, Rogero de Plybury, J. de Uppet[on], H. de Karev[ill].

Fol. 77. **No. 198.** Grant by William de la Lade, son and heir of William le Mareschal, to the canons of Bruton, for ever of eight shillings of annual rent which Thomas de Reyni and Agnes his wife were wont to render to him for half a virgate of land which they once held of him in Cherleton Fizadam.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Alano de Berton', Rogero de Pleybury, N. le Mareschal, W. de Combe, Radulfo Huscarl.

**No. 199.** Deed by which William de la Lade, after reciting the preceding grant, orders Thomas de Reyni and Agnes his wife that they be aiding to the prior and convent of Bruton as their lords and doto them in all things which they ought to do to him by reason of half a virgate of land which they once held of him in Cherleton.

Dated in the week of Pentecost, A. D. 1273.

**No. 200.** Quit-claim by Roger Hotmete to the canons of Bruton of all his right in a virgate and a half of land in Estcherleton, which he said were his right by the decease of Hugh Wyterlike his father.

“In testimony whereof I have procured the seal of William de Godmaneston, at that time coroner of Somerset, to be set to this present writing, because I had not a seal of my own.”

Hiis testibus:—Willelmo de Godmaneston, W. de Combe, Willelmo de Witeng, Th[oma] de Reyni, Rogero de Pleybury.

**No. 201.** Quit-claim by Robert, son and heir of Ralph de la Purye, to John, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of all his right in the pasture of one plough-beast (*affrus*), four oxen, and fifty ewes with the issue of one year in the manor of Cherleton Adam, which his father and mother held of the gift of Roger de Pleybury and Isabella his wife.

Hiis testibus:—Domino W. de Staunton, milite, W. le Lyt, J. de P[ar]h[am], N. Marescal.

**No. 202.** \*Deed by which Isabella who was the wife of William Fitz-Adam of Cherleton, after reciting that in the eighth year of king Edward I. in the time of Solomon de Roffa, Richard de Boylaunde and their associates, justices in eyre, at Somerton, she brought a writ of right against the prior of Bruton and Margery who was the wife of William, son of William Fitz-Adam, touching three messuages, two and a half virgates of land, twelve and a half acres of meadow, and pasture adjacent, in her pure power and lawful widowhood, quit-claims to John de Grindelham, the prior, the whole right, action, and claim which she had in the said messuages, &c. in Estcherleton, viz. in that messuage and half virgate which Hugh Young (*Juvenis*) held, a messuage and half virgate which Gilbert Bouche held, a messuage and half virgate which Adam Bissop held, a virgate of demesne which Walter de Cantelesbere held at farm of William Fitz-Adam, formerly her (Isabella's) husband, which said messuage, land, meadow, and pasture, William, her husband, gave to William their son, and which the same William her son gave to her hereditarily; and of which one virgate was contained in a charter by itself, which Hugh Young (*Juvenis*) and Gilbert Buche held; and in another charter is contained that half virgate which Adam Bissop held and that virgate which Walter de Cantelesbe at one time held at farm, and which charter remains in her possession, for half a virgate of land which Cristina le Mareschale at one time held, which half virgate remains to her and her heirs for ever quit of all action and demand of the said prior and convent for ever.

Hiiis testibus:—Domino Andrea Wake, Domino W. de Doneheved, Domino Humfrido le Kael, Domino W. de Loueny, Magistro Th[oma] de Alditheford, W. Fauerole, R. Bissop, W. de Combe, Radulfo Huscarl.

**No. 203.** Abstract of the preceding deed.

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**No. 204.** Gift by Geoffrey, son of Gilbert de Bruton, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton in frank almoin, with his body, of half an acre of land, with a messuage, in Cherleton, which lies near

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\* Quit-claim of Isabel de Pleybury, in rubric.

the croft called Windeshora, rendering three pence annually to Robert le Fraunceis and his heirs.

Hiis testibus:—W. de Somery, Henrico de Karevill, Osberto de Dene.

**No. 205.** Deed by which Richard, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, for the honor and exaltation of the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the increase of His teaching, grant to the noble man Henry, son of Richard, that he and his heirs for ever may have their free chapel in their court of Cherleton, which is within the limits of the church of Cherleton. The said Richard and his heirs shall sustain all charges, and shall cause it to be served by their own chaplains, who shall swear fealty to the prior and convent to preserve the indemnity of the mother church of Cherleton Adam. The chaplain shall have all oblations (except those from the free serjeant of the manor when he shall be resident, and the rustic household (*rustica familia*) of the lord there), which together with the parochial rights, tithes great and small, &c., are saved to the prior and convent. And the said Henry, son of Richard, for the safety of his soul and his ancestors, granted in pure and perpetual almoin to the canons of Bruton, in recompence of the indemnity of their mother church of Cherleton Adam, six acres of arable land of his demesne of Cherleton, and an acre of meadow, to wit, four acres on Cheshulle, and in another field two acres against Hurdecote, to wit, one acre at Pigthing', which is called Hareaker, and another acre on the ferling called Long acre, and an acre of meadow below Childebereg.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Hugone sine averio, Magistro W. de Button' archidiacono Wellensi, Magistro Hugone archidiacono Tantonensi, Magistro Henrico Tessun archidiacono Bathon', Magistro Roberto de Berkelay subdecano Wellensi, Magistro R. de Ford', Domino H. de Lundr[es] canonico Wellensi, N. persona de Weston'.

Fol. 79. **No. 206.** Confirmation by Joceline, bishop of Bath, of the preceding instrument. Dated at Witteham Charterhouse, on the morrow of St. John before the Latin gate, by the hand of Master Walter de Maidenstane, in the 32nd year of the pontificate of bishop Joceline.

**No. 207.** Grant by Henry son of Richard, for the safety of his soul and the souls of his ancestors and successors, in pure and perpetual almoин, to the canons of Bruton, of six acres of arable land of his demesne of Cherleton, and one acre of meadow: to wit four acres in Chushulle, and in another field two acres towards Hurdecote, to wit, one acre at Picthinge, which is called Hareak[er], and another acre above the Verlinche, which is called Long acre, and one acre of meadow below Childeburg, within his meadow and that of his men.

Hiis testibus:—Domino H[ugone] sine averio, Magistro W. de Button archidiacono Wellensi.

**No. 208.** Grant by Henry son of Richard, “pro salute,” &c., in free Fol. 80. almoин to the canons of Bruton, of nine selions of the land of his demesne in Cherleton, upon Cheushull.

Hiis testibus:—W. filio Ade, Magistro Ada Cok, Johanne parsona de Westcherleton, R. le Vilur, J. le Cornwal, W. Park’.

**No. 209.** Grant by Richard de Sutton, called Bissop, to the canons of Bruton in frank almoин, for the safety of his soul and for the souls of Sonehowta, his late wife, and John his son, of seven pence of rent in Cherleton, of which Waleran de Marisco used to render sixpence and John Caryman one penny.

Hiis testibus:—Radulfo Huse, Johanne de Horsei, W. Border, W. Ysaac, W. de Bet[on].

**No. 210.** Isabella de Pleybury gives to the canons one close in Cherleton, in her widowhood.\*

Grant by Isabella, daughter of Alexander le Draper, who was the wife of William Fitz-Adam de Cherleton, in her lawful power and widowhood, to the canons of Bruton, of a close called Withyham as it is enclosed by the outer ditches and the water-course flowing from the spring which is at the head of the same close on the west of Cherleton Adam, which close and watercourse she had of the gift of William son of William Fitz-Adam. And for this gift the canons gave her twelve marks.

Hiis testibus:—Dominis W. Staunton, Johanne de Blakeford,

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\* Rubricated heading.

militibus, Petro de Dreicote, Johanne de Coker, W. le Lyt, W. de Reyni.

**No. 211.** Quit-claim by Robert, son and heir of Ralph de la Purie, being of full age, to John, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of all his right in one acre of meadow in Cherleton Adam, which his father and mother held of the gift of Roger de Pleybur[y] and Isabella his wife.

Dated at Cherleton on the feast of St. Lucy the Virgin, in the twenty-fourth year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Henry.

Fol. 81. **No. 212.** Grant by Ralph de la Purie and Isabella his wife, with the assent of Robert, their son and heir, being of full age, to the canons of Bruton in frank almoyn, of one acre of meadow in Cherleton Adam, which lies in Estmede, between the meadow of the prior and the meadow of Isabella the widow.

Hiis testibus:—Domino W. de Staunton, milite, W. le Lyt, Johanne de Parham, N. Marechal, W. de Reyni, J. Everard.

**No. 213.** Grant by Ralph de la Purie and Isabella his wife, with the consent of their son and heir, to the canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoyn, of pasture for one plough-beast (*affrus*), four oxen, and fifty ewes, with one year's lambs in the manor of Cherleton Adam, everywhere in the common pasture of the same town, which they had of the gift of Roger de Pleybur[y] and Isabella his wife.

Hiis testibus:—Domino W. de Staunton, milite, W. le Lyt, Johanne de Parham.

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### Sterte.

**No. 214.** Grant by Richard de Astone, knight, to Sir Geoffrey de Wrokesdale, and Juliana his wife, for their service, of his whole messuage and land of Sterte, which he had of Martin de Chainpflour, and all the land which he had of Walter Bricher in the same town: to hold of him and his heirs to the said Geoffrey

and Juliana, and the heirs of Geoffrey freely, &c. for ever, rendering one penny annually for all services.

[Testibus:—] Dominis Radulfo de Gorges, W. Estur, Brianno de Gouis, W. de Givelton, militibus, G. de Insula, H. de Aulton'.

**No. 215.** Grant by Geoffrey de Wrokeshale, knight, and Juliana his wife to the canons of Bruton in frank and perpetual almoins, of all the messuage, land, meadow, and tenements which they had of the grant of Sir Richard de Astone, knight, in Sterte, and in the land to it pertaining: rendering one penny annually, and doing to the chief lords of the fee all the services therefor due and accustomed.

Hiis testibus:—Dominis Hugone Luvel, Rogero filio Pagani, Alano de Walton', militibus, Hylario de Campo Florido, W. Witeng, R. Pleybury.

**No. 216.** Confirmation by Hilary de Campo Florido of the pre-  
ceding grant by Sir Geoffrey de Wrokeshale, knight, and Juliana his wife, of their messuage, land, &c., in Sterte to the canons of Bruton, to hold in free and perpetual almoins, rendering to him and his heirs two pounds of wax and one pound of pepper. He also grants that they and their successors may have eight oxen in his pasture with his own oxen, and other beasts in his common pasture everywhere, according to what reasonably pertains to their tenement at Sterte, and free exit and entry with waggons, ploughs, carts, and all their goods going from Sterte and returning; for which they gave him forty shillings.

Hiis testibus sicut superius:—Dated the Ides of April in the year of grace 1276.

**No. 217.** Final concord made at Westminster, on the Octaves of St. Martin, in the fourth year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Henry, before Master Roger de Seyton, Master Ralph de Frenynham, Thomas Welond, John Lovetost and Roger de Leycester, justices: between John, prior of Bruton, plaintiff, by brother Walter Muleburn, his canon, put in his place, and Geoffrey de Wrokeshale and Juliana his wife, deforciants, by which Geoffrey and Juliana acknowledged one messuage and one carucate of land in Sterte to be the right of the said prior and the

church of Bruton, to hold of them and the heirs of Geoffrey for ever, rendering twopence annually and doing the services to the chief lords.

**No. 218.** Grant by Hilary de Campo Florido to the canons of Bruton in frank almoyn for ever, of a ferling of arable land in the west field of Sterte, and an acre of meadow and pasture for two oxen, except his meadow which can be mowed, and the garden. Whereof seven acres lie in the culture called Stonidelve, five acres on the south side of the way which leads from the town of Sterte to the pasture of Sterte, three and a half acres on the north of the said way, one acre of meadow in Stertemede next the meadow of Matthew de Campo Florido towards the north side, and half an acre of land in the east field of Sterte near the two acres which they had of the gift of Sir Geoffrey de Wrokeshale.

Hiis testibus:—Randulfo de Vallibus, Th[oma] de Reygni, Humfrido Kael, Ricardo Bissop, Ada de Kary, R. de Pleybury Math[eo] de Campo Florido.

Fol. 83. **No. 219.** Grant by Nicholas de Brideport, “medicus,” to the canons of Bruton in free alms, of a messuage and a croft, with a curtalage, and twenty-six acres of arable land and an acre of meadow which he had of the grant of Walter Bricher, in Sterte, and four and a half acres and a perch of arable land and one piece of meadow called La Morwlese which he had of the grant of Hilary de Campo Florido, rendering one penny annually to him, and one pound of wax to the chief lord of the fee.

Hiis testibus:—Dominio Alano de Walton, Th[oma] de Reygni, W. de Staunton, Randulfo de Vallibus, Ylario de Campo Florido, R. Pleyb[ury], R. de Kari.

**No. 220.** Assize taken at Somerton before John Stonford and Hamon de Derworthy, justices of the lord the king assigned to take assizes in the county of Somerset, together with William Schareshull, on Monday the morrow of St. Lawrence, 22 Edw. III. The assize came to recognise if John de Chaumflour, of Sterte, and Emma his wife, Geoffrey, son of the same John, and

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\* In later hand Notes of the Pleas.

William Albin unjustly, &c., disseised Robert, the prior of Bruton, of common of his pasture in Babbecary, which pertains to his free tenement, viz. of common in two hundred and forty acres of arable land, sixteen acres of meadow, and ten acres of pasture, viz. in two parts of the said land after the corn is cut and bound, until that land is sown again, and in a third part of the same land every year throughout the whole year, and in the said meadow after the hay has been mowed until the feast of the Purification, and in the said pasture throughout the year with all his cattle, &c. Nicholas Albyn answers for the defendants as their bailiff, and for all, except John, he says that there was no injury or disseisin. And for John he says that whereas he is attached by the name of John Chaumflour his right name is John ChaumpLOUR.

The recognitors say upon their oath that John de Chaumflour is well named, and that Steorte by itself is not a town but a hamlet. And they say that the prior and all his predecessors from a time to which memory runneth not, were seised of a parcel of the tenements put in view to which he claims common, and that the prior is seised of the other parcel of the tenements put in view, viz. of one messuage, two virgates of land, and five acres of meadow in Steorte by the feoffment of Philip de Welleslegh, for which purchase the prior shows the king's charter of licence, dated 10 February, in the eighteenth year of the present king. They also say that the said common, from a time to which memory runneth not, was appurtenant to all the tenements aforesaid. And that the prior was seised of the same common until the defendants disseised him to the damage of the said prior of one hundred shillings.

Therefore it is considered that the prior should recover his seisin thereof by the view of the recognitors of the assize aforesaid, and his damages aforesaid. And the aforesaid John and the others are in mercy, &c.

## Codecombe.

Fol. 84. **No. 221.** Charter of William de Moyun, the younger, addressed to all his men, French and English, by which he grants to the canons of Bruton, his brethren, in perpetual and pure almoins, for the good of his soul and the souls of earl William his father, and all his parents and friends, the church of Codecombe.

Hiis testibus:—W. Durand[i], W. Britone, H. de Punchard[un].

**No. 222.** Confirmation by Robert son of Richard for the safety of his soul and the souls of Adelicia his wife, his lords, and friends, of the grant of the church of Codecombe which his lord William de Moyun gave to the canons of Bruton. He also grants to them that when he shall make defence the canons may have eight oxen and five hogs in his defence, pannage in his wood, and common pasture in hills and valleys.

Hiis testibus:—Radulfo fratre meo et herede, Simone Rusell, fratre meo, Hamone filio Radulfi, W. Britone, R. Fillol, R. filio Roberti, et Adelicia uxore mea.

**No. 223.** \**Insperimus* and confirmation by Savaric, bishop of Bath and Wells, of the grant by William de Moyun of his mill of Menheve and the tithes of his mills of Codecombe.

Hiis testibus:—Thoma sub-decano Wellensi, Magistro Alano tunc officiario, W. capellano, Johanne Canuel, Stephano de Hav[ersh]am, J. de Porta, G. Gimel.

**No. 224.** Charter of William de Moyun, addressed to all his men, French and English, by which he confirms to the canons of Bruton in perpetual almoins, “pro salute,” &c., the tithes of his mills of Codecombe.

Hiis testibus:—Roberto filio Ricardi, Matheo de Pin’, Ricardo clericu, W. de Locumba, Henrico de Aule.

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\* The rubricated heading to this charter belongs properly to No. 226.

No. 225. Confirmation by Robert son of Richard, for the good of his soul and the souls of his lord William de Moyun, his friends, and successors, to the canons of Bruton, of the preceding gift provided that the tithes be paid to the almoner.

Hiis testibus:—J[ohanne] abbate de Forda, J. suppriore de Tantona, W. de Cerdia, Symone Britone, et alio Symone.

No. 226. *Insperimus* and confirmation by Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, of the grant of William de Moyun, the younger, to the canons of Bruton, of the churches of Codecombe and Lokesberge.

Hiis testibus:—W[illelmo] precentore Wellensi, Th[oma] subdecano, A. succentore, Magistro R. Porret', Magistro W. capellano, J. de Caune, R. de Essei, clericis, R. sine averio, H. filio ejus, W. Woburn.

No. 227. Confirmation by Joceline, bishop of Bath, of the charter by which William de Moyun, the younger, granted the church of Codecombe to the canons of Bruton, and of the charter by which Reginald de Moyun confirmed the charter of the said William. Also a confirmation of the charter of bishop Savaric granting to the canons the church of Codecumbe. Dated at Wells, 17 Kal. of November, in the sixteenth year of his pontificate.

No. 228. Grant by Ralph son of William de Bruneton, with the assent of Yolenta his wife, and his heirs, to the canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoi, of his whole land called Sudhey, in his manor of Brune, as the ditch extends from above the pile (*rogus*) which was formerly made in the said Sudhey into the stream of water, with the whole water at the Waterlete, for the augmentation and amending of their mill which they have of his gift. He also grants to the man who shall hold the mill and land aforesaid common pasture and fuel on his hills with the men of the same manor.

Hiis testibus:—Roberto filio Roberti, W. filio Everardi, W. filio ejus, J. filio Ricardi, N. Paris.

No. 229. Grant by William de Moyun, son of Reginald de Moyun to his brethren, the prior and convent of Bruton, of one good log of his wood of Codecombe annually for their fuel.

Hiis testibus:—W. et N. capellanis, W. de Karevill, Andrea de Combe, W. de Wirecestre, R. Polein.

**No. 230.** Charter, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, by which Robert son of Geoffrey de Lochesberge, grants, "pro salute," &c., and with the advice of his wife, and his lord, earl William, to the canons of Bruton, in perpetual almoin, the church of Lochesberge.

Teste eodem comite et filiis suis, scilicet Willelmo, Iwano, Ricardo, et Petro, Radulfo capellano, J. sacerdote. R. de Manhave, W. de Wacheford, Magistro W. filio Durandi, R. de Avela.

**No. 231.** Confirmation by Thomas son of Picot de Logeberge, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoin, of the church of Lokesberge which Robert, his grandfather, gave them with the consent of his wife and his heirs, and the assent of his lord, earl William de Moyun. Also a grant to them of pasture for eight oxen, four cows, and a horse in Lokesberge.

Hiis testibus:—Radulfo filio Willelmi, Symone Buzun, W. Punchard[un], Henrico de Campo Florido, Symone Clerico, Th[oma] de Contevill, H. Croilleb', R. Bol'.

**No. 232.** Grant by Robert son of Geoffrey, addressed to William de Moyun, his lord, "pro salute," &c., to the church of Lochesberge, of the wood of Blacawelle, and common pasture throughout all his land (except his garden and meadow), and the Waterlete and the water of Tornei the third week, which the church shall have for seven days, and he shall have for fourteen days.

Testes:—Hugo de Punchard[un] et W. filius ejus, Ricardus de Lancheham, W. filius Everard[i], R. de Lisewis, Helias filius Helie.

**No. 233.** Grant by Robert son of Robert de Lokesberge, with the consent of Alice his wife, and of his heirs, to the church of Lokesberge, of twelve pence annually from Kinewardesham for the augmentation of the lights of the same church, in pure and

perpetual almoin, "pro salute," &c., in exchange for one curtilage which is before their gate of Logeberge, and for the land which Margaret, formerly the wife of William de Punchardun, gave to the light of the church aforesaid. He also grants to his brethren the canons of Bruton other twelve pence in Kinewardesham, to be paid at Michaelmas to the chaplain of Lokesberge, "ad pietanciam."

Hiis testibus:—Radulfo filio Willelmi, R. Buzun, W. filio Everard et Willelmo filio ejus, Ada de la Pole, H. de Wodelond.

**No. 234.** Thursday after St. Hilary, 1258. Award of the prior of Fol. 86. Montacute and the dean of Wells in a suit between the prior and convent of Bruton and the abbot and convent of Clive, concerning the small tithes in Lokebergh, viz. from the lands which the said abbot and convent had of Sir Reginald de Moyun, in Sloworthi, Adam le Louerd, Alexander his brother, William le Botiller, Gilbert de Gardino, and John Cadifer. The abbot and convent are bound for ever to pay five shillings annually to the prior and convent, "pro bono pacis."

The prior and convent remised all action which they had by reason of the small tithes and their arrears. If the abbot and convent shall acquire lands in the said parish hereafter, they shall satisfy the prior and convent in respect of the small tithes according to the arbitration of the bishop of Bath and Wells, and the chancellor of Wells.

**No. 235.** Agreement between the prior and the church of Welles touching the tithes of Caneford, St. Decuman.<sup>1</sup>

Award of Jocelin, bishop of Bath in the question between Master Nicholas de Evesham, canon of the prebend of the church of St Decuman, and the prior and convent of Bruton, concerning the tithes of Caneford. The prebendary shall take the said tithes, and shall pay eight shillings annually to the canons of Bruton, "pro bono pacis."

Dated at Wells, on the morrow of the Assumption of the

<sup>1</sup> Rubricated heading.

Blessed Virgin, by the hand of Master Walter Maideneston, in the thirty-third year of the pontificate of bishop Joceline.

**No. 236.** Confirmation on same day of the preceding agreement by the chapter of Wells. A.D. 1238.

Confirmation by the prior and convent of Bath of the same agreement.

Fol. 87. **No. 237.** Grant by Reginald de Moyun, for the safety of his soul and of the soul of Hawise his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of the church of Menehed, so much as to the patron pertains.

Hiis testibus:—Willelmo de Moyun, Kaskillo de Baweston, Stephano camerario, R. de Chandos, Ricardo Cotell, G. Parvo, W. de Bonevill, Ada Marscallo, W. de Camera.

**No. 238.** Letter from Reginald de Moyun to Joceline, bishop of Bath, stating that he presents to the church of Meneheved the prior and convent of Bruton, and praying that he will grant it to them to possess for ever, and that he will admit them to the same and institute them as parsons, saving an honest and competent endowment to the vicar.

**No. 239.** Assent to the preceding letter by bishop Joceline, saving the bishop's right.

Dated at Bath, 11 Kal. of October in the thirty-second year of his pontificate, by the hand of Master Walter de Maidenestante.

Fol. 88. **No. 240.** Confirmation by Reginald, bishop of Bath, of the grant by William de Moyun, lord of the estate, of the church of Manhaved to the canons of Bruton.

Hiis testibus:—Ricardo Constantie archidiacono Tanton, Magistro R. de Geldeford, Magistro Alexandro, W. de Cerd'.

**No. 241.** Ordinance of the vicarage of Menheue made in the presence of Sir Reginald de Moyun.

Letter to J[ocelin], bishop of Bath, from Roger, dean of Donstorre, and Reginald de Moyun, by which they inform him that they were present when Godfrey, the perpetual vicar of Mene-

heved, entered into possession, the prior and convent of Bruton, with his consent, retaining a messuage with a curtilage and a croft of three acres, a small meadow by the mill of the said canons, and a small alder-grove by the same mill, and paying the vicar fifty shillings yearly to support ordinary burthens.

**No. 242.** Quitclaim by Robert Doltrop, vicar of Menheved, on Friday next before the feast of St. George the Martyr, A.D. 1287, to the prior and convent of Bruton, rectors of the said church, of tithes of certain lands in Menheved, which he claimed before J. de Milton, commissary of the bishop's official.

**No. 243.** Agreement between Reginald de Moyun, lord of Manhaved, of the one part, and Stephen, then prior, and the convent of Bruton, and Godfrey the chaplain, vicar of the church of Menheved, of the other part, concerning an exchange of a small piece of land of the demesne of the said Reginald and of the demesne of the said prior and convent and vicar in the fields of Manheved, viz. the prior and convent and vicar granted to Reginald and his heirs three acres of tilled land and half an acre of moor in the fields of Menheved, at Derefolde, in exchange for three acres of the like land of the demesne of the said Reginald in the fields of Manheved, at Wetehulle, on the west of the Waterletes, and for half an acre of alder-grove contiguous to the same land, against the stream which descends from Bratton.

Hiis testibus:—Magistro Waltero de Sancto Quintino tunc archidiacono Tantonie, Domino Rogone de Porloc, Domino R. filio Ursi, R. de Holn', Domino J. Bretasck', G. de Keten[ore], Johanne de Bratton'.

**No. 244.** Confirmation of the preceding exchange by bishop W[illiam].

Dated at Woky, kal. of October, A.D. 1252.

**No. 245.** Gift by William de Moyun, in perpetual and free almoin, Fol. 89. to his canons and beloved brethren of Bruton, or the love of God

and "pro salute," &c., of his mill of Manhed to make one full repast for the said canons every year in the refectory on the day of his death, if he die on his pilgrimage from Jerusalem.

Hiis testibus:—R. filio Ricardi senescallo meo, R. filio W. W. de Leod'.

**No. 246.** Grant by Ralph son of William de Bruneton, with the consent of Yolenta his wife, and his heirs, to the canons of Bruton, for the souls of himself, his ancestors and successors, of his whole land, called Sudhei, in his manor of Brunne, as the ditch extends from above the pile which was formerly made in the said Sudhei, to the stream of water at the Waterlete. Also to the man who shall hold the mill and the said land common pasture, and fuel for his fire.

Hiis testibus:—Roberto filio Roberti, Willelmo filio Willelmi, Radulfo filio Ricardi, Nicholas de Parys, Roberto Pore, Willelmo Langeham, Radulfo de Britton,

**No. 247.** A spiritual confederation made A.D. 1202 between Mary, the abbess of the church of St. Edward [Shaftesbury], and Sir Gilbert, the prior of Bruton, that the canons of Bruton shall be brethren of the church of St. Edward, and participators of all benefits thereof, as each of the nuns of the same church. And when any of the canons shall die professed, a full service shall be made in the convent of St. Edward, to wit "Placebo" and "Dirige" with a special mass. Then there shall be performed for them a trental, *i.e.*, thirty masses with such things as pertain thereto, viz. "Placebo" and "Dirige," with nine lections daily, and "Subvenite" and "Ad Dominum tribularer" with seven penitential psalms and five psalms. The said canons, on the first Ides of February, *i.e.* on the vigil of St. Valentine the Martyr, are bound to celebrate the Translation of St. Edward with nine lections annually. Moreover, a full service with nine lections shall be made in the conventional church of St. Edward for their living and dead, with the feeding of at least one hundred poor, which they provide.

**No. 248.** Grant by Mary, abbess of the church of St. Edward, and

the convent of the same place, with the assent of their chaplains, to the canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoin, of three “sextercia” of winnowed wheat which Thomas the porter (*janitor*), their lessee at Combe, and his heirs shall pay every year.

Hiis testibus:—Johanne de Essemere, Magistro Gregorio, W. Len<sup>l</sup> capellanis ecclesie nostre, Guuidone de Osteili, Henrico de Culmeton, Samsone, Galfrido, Roberto, clericis, Ingerando coco, R. camerario, R. de Teukebury.

**No. 249.** Confirmation by Amicia, abbess and the convent of St. Edward, of the preceding grant. Fol. 90.

Hiis testibus:—Magistro Humfrido tunc archidiacono de Dorsete, R. Mapodre, Magistro W. R. de Gillingham, capellanus ecclesie nostre, Magistro R. de Cnoll', Luca Russel tunc senescallo, Magistro R. de Berke, Domino Ricardo canonicis de Welles, Magistro David, clericu, Albricio, Roberto, Osberto, et Symone capellanis.

**No. 250.** Confirmation by Richard, bishop of Salisbury, of the same grant.

Hiis testibus:—Magistro W. precentore Sarum, Magistro W. de Meret[on] et Magistris W. et Luca canonicis Sarum, Johanne et Galfrido, capellanis, Valentino et Roberto et Gileberto, clericis.

Dated at Amrebury, by the hand of John the chaplain, xv. kal. of September, in the third year of his pontificate.

**No. 251.** Acknowledgment by Thomas de Combe, porter of St. Edward, that he and his heirs are bound to pay and convey to the canons of Bruton the three “sextercia” of wheat which he used to pay into the granary of St. Edward.

**No. 252.** Letter of Pandulph, bishop elect of Norwich, chamberlain and legate of the apostolic see, addressed to Philip, abbot of Shirburn and H. prior of the same place, ordering them to hear and determine the complaint of the prior and convent of Bruton, touching the withholding from them by the abbess and convent of St. Edward of three “sextercia” of wheat.

*Templars of Combe*

**No. 253.** Letter of grant by the Knights Templars of Combe of three shillings annually to the prior and convent of Bruton for the souls of their brethren who are buried at Bruton. The prior and convent had claimed against the Templars all the small tithes of the land of Lopene, which Miles de Franco Quercu, knight, had conferred on the Templars, and it was settled thus, viz. that the Templars shall be absolved from the payment of the tithes demanded, and they shall pay three shillings as above. In the year of grace 1240.

Fol. 91. **No. 254.** Grant by Mary, the abbess of St. Edward, with the assent of her convent and chaplains, to Henry the tanner (*tannator*) of one virgate of land, which William son of Roger, his father, held in Wulveleg, to hold of them and their church by hereditary right, freely, &c., rendering ten shillings annually for all service, except the king's, for which Henry gave them forty shillings.

**No. 255.** Henry the tanner (*tannator*) gives the aforesaid land to Walter, son of Thomas, his kinsman.

Grant by Henry son of William, with the consent of N. and Walter his sons, of one virgate of land in Wulveleg, which was of William son of Roger, his father, to his kinsman Walter son of Thomas, to hold of him and his heirs by hereditary right for ever, freely, &c., rendering one pound of pepper annually. For the present charter Walter gave him one besant, to N. his son, six pence, and to Walter his son, six pence.

**No. 256.** Confirmation of the preceding grant by N. and Walter, sons of Henry the tanner (*tannator*), son of William.

**No. 257.** Grant by Walter son of Thomas de Bureford, to the canons of Bruton, in pure and perpetual almoin, of half a mark in the manor of Bradeford, which John son of John de Wulveleg, used to render to him.

Hiiis testibus:—Domino Waltero de Chaldefeld, W. filio ejus, W. de Mugwrtleg', W. de Budebur', R. de Kalmundesden, R. de la Holte, Th[oma] Atteworth.

No. 258. Confirmation by Henry son of William de Bradeford, of the preceding grant.

Hiis testibus:—W. de Budeber', R. de la Holte, H. de Karevill, Andrea de Combe, Osberto de Dene.

No. 259. Acknowledgment by John de Wulveleg of the aforesaid rent before the king's justices on Tuesday next after the Epiphany of the Lord, in the twenty-second year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Henry.

Hiis testibus:—W. de Chaldefeld, W. Selyman, R. de Lintenesford, W. de la Grave.

No. 260. Acknowledgment of the said John of the said rent, at *Fol. 92.* Wilton, before Sir Richard de Maneston, Roger Payn, Stephen Pruet, and others.

Dated at Wilton, on Monday next after the feast of the Purification, in the seventeenth year of the reign of king Edward, son of king Henry.

No. 261. Quitclaim by Hilary de Campo Florido to the canons of Bruton, in pure and perpetual almoin, of all his right in a certain mill at Bathenestone which fell to him by hereditary right by the death of Sir John de Campo Florido his uncle.

Hiis testibus:—Domino J. de Aure, Domino R. sine averio, Domino R. Joyaus, J. Ruph'.

No. 262. Agreement between the prior and convent and Roger de Sokerwike touching a mill.

Deed by which Roger de Sokerwike takes at fee farm from the prior and convent of Bruton their mill of Batheneston for two shillings annually to the prior and convent. They are also bound to pay annually to Walter de Bath[on] and his heirs twelve pence, and to the chief lords eight shillings.

Hiis testibus:—W. de Sokerwike, R. de Mounford, Rogero de Well[es], J. Stoket, N. de Chernbur', W. le Folur, W. de Karevill, Th[oma] de Bonham, W. de Combe.

**No. 263.** Robert son of Hamon, gives to the canons the land of Carscumb, with the appurtenances.

Grant, addressed to Reginald, bishop of Bath, &c., by Robert son of Hamo, son of G. de Blakeford, confirming the gift of the land with the men living in that land which his father Hamo gave to them with his body, to wit, one mark's worth of land in Carscumb which three rustics, Sericus, Waltero and Robert Palmer, held on the day this gift was made.

Hiis testibus:—Reginaldo, venerabili episcopo Bath', W. avunculo meo, Jordano de Broct[on] et Jor' nepote suo, Ivone de Garton', W. de Roca, Martino, W. nepote, W. priore, W. coco.

Fol. 93. **No. 264.** Confirmation by Reginald, bishop of Bath, of one mark of rent in the land of Carscumb, which Hamon son of Geoffrey, in his will bequeathed to the church of Bruton where he rests.

Presente Agneta uxore ipsius Hamonis, et presente Roberto filio et herede ejus atque assensum prebente. Presentibus etiam Ricardo Bathonensi archidiacono, Petro de Winton', Hamone filio ipsius Hamonis, Radulfo Savari, Waltero Giffard, Martino serviente ipsius Hamonis.

**No. 265.** Confirmation by Robert, dean of Wells, of the bequest of one mark every year made by Hamon son of Geoffrey, to the canons of Bruton.

**No. 266.** Grant by Wigain de Esseleg[a] to the canons of Bruton, of one virgate of land in Clopton, which he had of the gift of William Morin; to hold by the service of the twelfth part of one knight.

Hiis testibus:—Waltero de Essel[eg], Willelmo de Durevill, Eustachio filio ejus, W. Butevilein, G. serviente, Th[oma] Cuntevile, J. Chaupiun.

**No. 267.** William and Eustace his son confirm the said land.

Confirmation by William de Durevill and Eustace his son and heir, to the canons of Bruton, of one virgate of land in Clopton which he (William) gave to Eustace son of Richard son of Andrew for his service and three-and-a-half marks, which the said Eustace afterwards sold to William Morin, and which the

said William afterwards gave to Wigain de Esseleg for his service and for three marks and one palfrey, which Wigain gave to the church of Bruton in pure almoин for ever.

Hiis testibus :—Reinal' de Bath', R. filio Jo[hannis], W. Quinterel, Th[oma] de Conte vill.

**No. 268.** Confirmation by Robert Morin, for the safety of his soul, of the charter of Wigain de Esseleg, by which he granted one virgate of land to the church of Bruton, which virgate William, his brother, gave to the said Wigain.

Hiis testibus :—Waltero de Esseleg', W. de Durevill, Eustachio filio ejus, Gillelmo Butevilein, G. serviente, J. capellano, W. cleric.

**No. 269.** William de Durevill gives to Eustace that land.

Grant by William de Durevill to Eustace son of Richard son of Andrew, of a virgate of land in Clopton, which John his uncle held, for his service and three-and-a-half marks which the said Eustace gave to him.

**No. 270.** Confirmation by Walter de Esseleg[a] of the following Fol. 94. charter of Walter his father and Felicia his mother.

Grant by Walter de Esseleg[a], Felicia his wife, and Walter their son and heir, in free almoин, for the safety of their souls, to the canons of Bruton, of all the land which they had at Montacute, Bruton, and Langport, and two sheaves of the tithe of their lordship at Cnolle, in the parish of Septon, all which pertained to the inheritance of the said Felicia.

Hiis testibus :—Rogero presbitero de Boiford, Gervasio de Pennard, R. de Ponte, Helia mercatore, Waltero coco, R. Crabe.

**No. 271.** Agreement dated in the year of grace 1251, in the month of April, between S. the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of the one part, and Sir Roger de Langport, clerk, of the other part, viz. the prior and convent let to farm to the said Roger, his heirs or assigns, their house of Langport near the dwelling-house of Roger Tredegold in the Northestrete, next but one towards the north, for three shillings to be paid annually.

Hiis testibus :—Domino J. de Aura, Baldewino de Wik', R. de Cammel tunc senescallo domine Sabine de Ortiaco, W. Tant[on], Sebode de Langport, R. medico, R. Tredecold.

**No. 272.** Grant by Robert de Bello Campo, son of Simon, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton in pure and perpetual almoins, that they may buy and sell in Merston quit of toll for ever.

Hiis testibus:—Dominis Willelmo de Kemelcombe, Henrico de Stawalle et N. de Meryet, militibus, R. de Cantelupo, W. de Engelbi et Magistro Benedicto clericis.

**No. 273.** Confirmation by Robert, son of Robert de Beauchamp, son of Simon, his father, of the preceding charter.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Ivone de Stourton, Domino H. de Stawell, Domino N. de Meryet, militibus, W. de Karevill, R. Lupell, I. Ruffo, Henrico de Wik.

Fol. 95. **No. 274.** Grant by John Tortusman[us], with the consent of Claricia his mother and Claricia his wife, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton, of half a ferling of land in Alumpton, which Philip Boye held.

Hiis testibus:—Hilario de Baeñaf, Henrico de Campo Florido, Th[oma] le Border, Henrico Tortusmanus, Johanne et Stephano capellanis, W. de Chelesworth, G. serviente prioris, Petro filio W., J. Lof.

**No. 275.** Grant by Osbert de<sup>1</sup> Dene, of four pence annually from the house and curtilage which Wymarc holds in the manor of Chiretone, towards the light of the greater church of the Blessed Mary of Bruton.

**No. 276.** Grant by Richard de Meysi, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton, in pure and perpetual almoins, of two shillings of rent annually from his mill of Presteleye and from a ferling of land to the same mill pertaining.

Hiis testibus:—R. de Meysi, &c.

**No. 277.** Grant by Cristina daughter of Payn de Harelinc, to John de Menedep, of two crofts with the meadows which lie near the house of Henry de la Notteclive, rendering one pound of cumin annually,

Hiis testibus:—Domino N. de Mar', &c.

<sup>1</sup> *le* in the heading.

**No. 278.** Grant by Cristina daughter of Payn de Presteleg, "pro salute," &c., with the assent of John de Menedep, her son, to the canons of Bruton, of a messuage in Presteleg, called Harelinche, with five-and-a-half acres of land, to wit, three acres near the said messuage, one acre near Didewelle, one-and-a-half acres near the grove; also that croft, with the meadow, which lies near the house of Henry de la Notteclive.

Hiiis testibus:—H. de Karevill, R. de Columbers, Luca de Campo Florido.

**No. 279.** Grant by Robert, vicar of Banewell, son of William the skinner (*pelliparius*) of Bristol, to the canons of Bruton, of one messuage which he possessed by hereditary right in the street of St. Thomas, or Bristol, near the messuage which was of Walter Messedai', towards the north, "pro salute," &c., saving a rent of the leprous brethren of St. Mary Magdalen, of Bristol, to wit, nine pence which the said canons ought to pay to the said brethren.

Hiiis testibus:—Philippo Longo, Magistro Vincentio, R. Longo, Alexandro Taillur, A. Scotto, A. Revel.

**No. 280.** Final concord made in the court of the lord the king, <sup>Fol. 96.</sup> at Gillingham, on Friday next after the feast of St. Andrew, 6 John [1204], before the lord the king himself, Simon de Patteshulle, Master Ralph de Stoke, James de Poterna, Master Joceline de Welles, justices, &c. Between William le Oiselur and Mabel his wife, plaintiffs, and Gilbert, prior of Bruton, deforciants of the advowson of the chapel of Crucheston, by which the said William and Mabel granted in pure and perpetual almoин to the prior and his successors, eight shillings to be taken every year from the same chapel by the hand of the clerk, who shall be parson of the said chapel at the presentation of the said William and Mabel, and the heirs of Mabel. And this concord was made in the presence of Savaric, bishop of Bath.

**No. 281.** Instrument of Pope Innocent [IV.], addressed to the prior of Plumton, directing him to hear a cause between the prior and convent of Bruton, and the rector of the chapel of

Crucheston, Adam and Robert, priests, N. de Meriet, and certain other clerks and laymen of Bath, Exeter, &c., concerning tithes debts, possessions and other things. Dated at Anagni vii. kal. of October, in the first year of his pontificate.

**No. 282.** Proceedings on Thursday next after the feast of Holy Trinity, A.D. 1245, in the above cause. Richard, chaplain of Crucheston, having confessed that he had paid and ought to pay eight shillings by the year to the church of Bruton, for the chapel of Crucheston, sentence is given against him.

**No. 283.** Composition between the prior and the church of Uppepull.

Instrument of Pope Celestine [III.], addressed to the abbots of Cirencester and Malmesbury, and the prior of Bradenestoke, setting forth that he has received the complaint of the canons of Bruton, rectors of the church of Banewell, that the rector of Uppepull takes the bodies of the free men who die in the court (*curia*) of Crucheston and buries them in his cemetery, and ordering them to hear and determine the cause.

Dated at the Lateran xiiij. kal. of March, in the sixth year of his pontificate.

**Fol. 97. No. 284.** Composition, made at Esseley, between the parties in the preceding matter, by the assent of Robert, abbot of Malmesbury, Richard, abbot of Cirencester, and Henry, prior of Bradenestoke, which was heard before them by the delegation of Pope Celestine III., respecting the right of burial of the lord and lady of Crucheston and their household, viz. that the lord and the lady having an abode as well in Crucheston as in Uppepull, and their free men dying in the court (*curia*) of Crucheston can freely elect their place of burial without making any acknowledgment to the mother church of Banewell: nevertheless a moiety of the obventions of the church of Uppepull shall remain to that church, and a moiety shall be restored to the church of Banewell. But if the lord or lady of Crucheston or their free men shall acknowledge the mother church in anything, the whole of that thing shall remain in the

possession of the church of Banewell without any partition. If they shall be buried at the mother church by parish right the oblations shall remain to the mother church. The free men of the court of the lord of Crucheston can elect to be buried at Uppepull if they like, nevertheless, making a competent acknowledgment to the mother church of Banewell. Bequests and oblations therefrom to the church of Uppepull shall be divided between the churches of Uppepull and Banewell. The obventions of the said men who are buried at Banewell shall remain to that church.

**No. 285.** Grant by Th[omas] de Rudel, son of Thomas de Rudel, with the assent of his heirs, to William de Lavinton, son of Peter, and to his heirs, of two messuages in Seftesbury "juncta marum" to the north before the gate of the abbey of St. Edward, to hold of him and his heirs by hereditary right, rendering four shillings annually.

**No. 286.** Grant by W. de Lavinton, with the advice and assent of his wife, heirs, and friends, to John de Bosco, of that messuage in Seftesbury, which he held of Thomas de Rudel, and the service of the house which Benedict Peche held, to wit, four shillings annually, rendering annually one pair of gloves.

Hiis testibus :—Thoma Corbet, Reginaldo Corbet.

**No. 287.** Grant by John de Bosco, son of Robert de Bosco, to the canons of Bruton, in perpetual almoin, of that messuage in Sefton, which he held of William de Lavinton.

Hiis testibus :—R. de Bosco, W. de Bosco, R. de Bosco, G. de Sigowell, I. Mathias, Johanne le Fichs, H. Luf, Laurencio Rufo.

**No. 288.** Agreement made at the feast of St. Michael A.D. 1262, between William, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of the one part, and Sir William Cosyn, chaplain, of the other part, viz. the prior and convent let at fee farm to the said William that messuage which Geoffrey Langport held as chaplain in

Seftesbury, near the cemetery of the conventional church. To have and to hold to the said W. Cosin, and each chaplain who shall successively celebrate divine services for the soul of the said William in the greater church of Seftesbury for ever, rendering four shillings annually to the house of Bruton. Nevertheless, the said prior, his brethren, and successors, shall be lodged in the said house when they shall wish, at his cost.

The said William also granted for himself and his successors that each of them after the decease of another shall pay four shillings the first year in the name of a relief to the house of Bruton.

Hiis testibus :—Dominis Ricardo de Colingburn et Rogero de Bradeford capellanis, Hugone Luffe, Rogero Anketil, Daniel Mathias, Johanne le Fis, Thurstano le Butiller.

**No. 289.** Grant by William de Strangeford to Richard the marshall (*marescallus*) of his house in the parish of the Holy Trinity, Shaftesbury, in Binneport, between the house of William Eylrun and the house of John Phys, which he took with Alice his wife, instead of money, rendering one penny annually to him and his heirs, and four shillings annually to the prior and convent of Bruton.

Hiis testibus :—J. Fihis, R. Anketil, H. Luf, Daniel Math[ias,] W. Gill', W. Elrun, W. Fhis, H. Fabro.

**No. 290.** Hawise, countess of Gloucester, gives to the canons a tenement in Waram.

Confirmation by Hawise, countess of Gloucester, for the safety of the soul of her lord William, earl of Gloucester, and the souls of herself, her children, parents, and friends, to the canons of Bruton, of the gift of a burgage in Warham, which was of Robert de Rouen, whieh Gilbert Morin gave to them before her; with all liberties, &c., and especially acquittance in all things to be sold and bought in Warham necessary for the use of that house.

Hiis testibus :—Rogero Waspail, Matheo de Nerbd, M[agistro] Hernisio.

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**No. 291.** Letters patent of Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hertford, to his bailiffs of Warham, ordering them not to vex the canons of Bruton with regard to selling and buying in Warham, according to the confirmation of the countess Hawise, his grandmother, which he has inspected.

**No. 292.** Gift by John de Estret, for the safety of his soul, and the Fol. 99. souls of Alice his wife, their parents and ancestors, to the canons of Bruton, in frank and pure almoin, of the land which he bought of Aelwrd Likeshaeved, which Giles held of him (John) for three shillings annually.

**No. 293.** Confirmation by Herbert [Poore], bishop of Sarum, to the prior and brethren of Bruton, of the following charters:—  
 The gift of the mill of Totebere, which Simon de Ver and William de Moyun, the chief lords, made.  
 The gift of a burgage in Warham by Gilbert Morin, which he bought of Isabella, daughter of Robert de Rouen.  
 The gift of a burgage in Wilton by John de Estret.  
 Dated at St. Edward, by the hand of W. Raum[un]di, x. kal. of January, in the sixth year of his pontificate.  
 Hiis testibus:—Magistro Rogero de Winesham[&c.].

**No. 294.** Grant by Robert Pokerellus to Matthew his serjeant, and his heirs, of half a virgate of land at Cranedon.  
 Testes:—Constancia uxor mea, R. filius Thome, Petrus Bordarius, W. Gilling, I. Coppa, R. Dunbert.

**No. 295.** Grant and confirmation by Constance, formerly the wife of Robert Pokerellus, for the safety of her soul and the soul of the said Robert, to the canons of Bruton, of a virgate of land at Cranedon, which Matthew the serjeant at one time held, and which was of her inheritance.  
 Hiis testibus:—Roberto filio Thome, Petro Bordario, Matheo serviente, J. Copp, W. Gill'.

## Willinthrop.

**No. 296.** Grant by James de Novo Mercato to Thomas Corbet, for his homage and service, of a virgate of land in Welkingthrop, which Roger Cutard held, to hold by the service of the twentieth part of a knight's fee in his manor of Horsinton. Also, grant of six oxen, one plough-beast (*averium*), and six cows with their calves of two years in the pasture between the wood of Combe, and the way which leads from Stawelle to Horsinton, called Schortewode, and in all places where his oxen feed, except his garden. He may also have his said six cows, with their issue, in his common pasture of Horsinton, and ten hogs quit of pannage in Horwode, and one hundred sheep with their issue of one year, in his common pasture of Horsinton.

Hiis testibus :—Rogero de Novo Mercato, Odono de Wondestre, W. de Frethorn, R. de Weston, R. Travers, Bartholomeo de Frethor, R. de Sancto Claro, R. Corbet.

Fol. 100. **No. 297.** Acquittance of Thomas Tragin touching the said land.

Quitclaim, in full county [court] of Somerset, by Thomas Tragin to Thomas Corbet, of all his right in one virgate of land in Horsinton which Roger Cutard held, and one virgate in Cheriton which Andrew de Bernevill and Jordan Herycon held.

Hiis testibus :—Rogero de Forde tunc vicecomite, Michaele de Stourton, Jordano de Alneto, Radulfo Huse.

**No. 298.** Grant by Thomas Corbet, "pro salute," &c., to the canons of Bruton, in pure and perpetual almoin, of a virgate of land, which Roger Scutard held in Welkingthrop, to hold as freely and quietly as James de Novo Mercato gave it to him, by the service of the twentieth part of a knight's fee in the manor of Horsington.

Hiis testibus :—Domino R. de Blakeford, Domino W. de Drey[ton], R. de West[on], W. Witeng.

## Horwode.

**No. 299.** Grant by Thomas Corbet, "pro salute," &c. to the canons of Bruton, in pure and perpetual almoin, of that part of land which he had of the wood of Hatherleye<sup>1</sup> of the gift of Sir Ralph Russell.

Hiis testibus:—Domino W. de Drayton, R. de Weston, Roberto de Bosco, I. Warner, R. Polein, Matheo Betevill.

**No. 300.** Confirmation by Sir Ralph Russel, with the assent of Isabella his wife, of the preceding charter. A.D. 1239.

Hiis testibus ibidem existentibus apud Bruton die sanctorum Tiburtii et Valeriani [April 14], W. Russel parsona de Northcadel[ury], J. Russel, W. filio Roberti de Wyrecestre, W. de Veim, W. Bailleol, H. de Kamel, J. Fraunceis.

**No. 301.** Grant by Ralph Russel, with the assent of Isabella his wife, to the canons of Bruton, of six acres of meadow in his manor of Horsington, called Revemedé, for which the canons remised to him and his heirs for ever, that part of land which they had in the wood of Haytherlegh, of the gift of Thomas Corbet.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Radulfo sine averio, Domino Yvone de Sturton, Willelmo de Karevill, Johanne de Waiford, Johanne de Nutherham, Gervasio de Halt[on].

**No. 302.** Grant by Ralph Russel, for the safety of his soul and that of Isabella his wife, to the canons of Bruton, that all their men dwelling in their land at Horwode may have common pasture with all their cattle in his pasture of Horwode as they were wont; rendering two shillings annually to him and his heirs by the hand of the reeve of Horwode. And, moreover, all men holding land shall find one man for one day at the "Bedripe" at Horsington, and they shall come with their oxen, if they have any, to the winter boon-days when they shall be summoned.

<sup>1</sup> Atherleye in the heading.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Petro de Bosco, W. de Insula, W. de Godmanston de Brotton, Mauricio de Bonham, Radulfo Huscarl.

**No. 303.** Charter, dated A.D. 1251, by which Stephen, the prior of Bruton, and the convent of the same place grant at fee farm to William de Givelton and his heirs, one acre of meadow in their manor of Givelton, which lies in the meadow called Benham, which acre Hugh de Givelton, grandfather of the said William, gave to the said prior and convent in pure and perpetual almoin; rendering two shillings annually.

Hiis testibus:—Roberto filio Pagani, Johanne de Aura, Henrico de Herleg', W. de Insula, W. de Spekingt[on], W. de Karev[ill], R. Porteh.

### Ilchester.

**No. 304.** Charter of Robert Fichet, of Ivelcestre, chaplain, touching twelve pence of annual rent.

Grant by Robert Fichet, chaplain, to the canons of Bruton, of twelve pence of annual rent in Ivelcestre, which Walter Luve, of Ivelcestre and his heirs ought to render to the said canons for so much as he holds of him in Ivelcestre.

Hiis testibus:—Domino Willelmo de Dreycote, Alexandro le Draper, Thoma de Cyrencestre, Gervasio Triz, et aliis.

**No. 305.** Confirmation by Walter Luve of the preceding charter of Robert Fichet his uncle.

Hiis testibus:—Thoma de Cyrencestre, Willelmo Fromund, Gaufrido Cotin, Gervasio Triz, Alejandro Taillur.

**No. 306.** <sup>1</sup>Charter of Ralph Lupellus lord of Kary, touching the tithe of hay of Wolmore.

**No. 307.** <sup>2</sup>Indenture dated at Bruton, 2 March, 20 Edw. III. [A.D. 1346] witnessing that Robert Martyn, lord of Ivelton, did fealty to Robert, prior of Bruton, for a meadow in Ivelton; and that he holds two acres in Ivelton, in the meadow called Benham of the prior by the service of two shillings by the year.

Transcript of the above indenture.

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**No. 308.** Copy of the agreement between the prior and convent of Bruton and the Knights Templars concerning the tithes of Lopene as (on fol. 90).

Dated in the year of grace 1240.

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**No. 309.** Ordinance of William [de Button], bishop of Bath and Wells, touching the celebration of divine services in the chapel of St. John the Baptist, for which Sir Ralph de Albinaco had assigned lands and rents in his manor of Parton. The chaplain shall take the oath of indemnity to the mother church. The chaplain shall take the oblations coming from the lord and his free family, except those of the four chief feast days and the day of the Purification which the vicar shall take, &c.

Dated at Woky, 2nd nones of October, A.D. 1270.

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<sup>1</sup> This is the heading of a charter which has not been entered.

<sup>2</sup> Sewn on to fol. 102.

**Divers Charters, &c., Norman and exchanges. Sussex,  
Gloucester and Charlton Adam deeds interpolated.**

Fol. 104. Charters of Horslegh and Rungetone, in the counties of Gloucester and Sussex. First begin the Charters of exchange made between the Abbot of Trowarn and the Prior of Bruton of their possessions.

No. 310. Agreement made A.D. 1260, on the morrow of St. Lawrence the martyr, between the abbot and convent of Trowarn of the one part, and the prior and convent of Bruton of the other part for an exchange of all things of the abbot and convent in England, and all things of the prior and convent in Normandy. The abbot and convent of Trowarn shall retain nothing in England except what they have in Helinge, nor the prior and convent of Bruton any things which are in Normandy. The churches which the prior and convent have in Normandy they shall transfer to the abbot and convent of Trowarn.

No. 311. Authority of John, bishop of Coutances, concerning the exchange of all things which the prior and convent of Bruton had in his diocese at Moun and Pierrevill, and all things which the abbot and convent of Troarn had in England at Horsleg and Witehurste, in the diocese of Worcester, and at Rungeton in the diocese of Chichester. Dated A.D. 1260, on Tuesday next before the feast of St. Giles the abbot.

No. 312. Authority of the chapter of Bayeux concerning the exchange between the prior and convent of Bruton, of their possessions at Lyon, Crisselon, Messons, Siccavill, and elsewhere in the diocese of Bayeux, and those of the abbot and convent

of Troarn, at Horsleg, Witehurst, and Rungeton. Dated A.D. 1260, on the morrow of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the see of Bayeux being vacant.

**No. 313.** Charter of Willerm, abbot of St. Martin of Troarn, and <sup>Fol. 105.</sup> the convent of the same place, of the order of St. Benedict, setting forth that they had in England, the church of St. Andrew of Witehurst, with the whole tithe of the fee of the earl of Hereford in the same town, and the church of Horsleg with the tithes of the same, and the manor; also the manor of Rungeton with the tithes, &c., and that the prior and convent of the Blessed Mary of Bruton, had in Normandy, in the diocese of Bayeux, at Lyon on the sea the church of the same town, the chapel of Crisselun with the tithes, the manor of Lyun with the lands, possessions, rents, together with the rents of Meysuns and Siccavill; and also in the diocese of Coutances they had the churches of Moyun and Petreville with the tithes, manors, and other things, and that both houses could not have the issues of their possessions without very great difficulty and no small expense, and exchanging those possessions so that they retained nothing in England, and the prior and convent of Bruton retained nothing in Normandy; saving to the abbot and convent the tenements, &c., which they have at Heling.

**No. 314.** Ratification by the prior and convent of Troarn of the said exchange. Dated at Troarn, on the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle, A.D. 1261.

**No. 315.** Ordinance of Walter [de Cantilupe], bishop of Worcester, and his collation made to the prior of Bruton of the possessions of the abbot and convent of Troarn in England, except what they have in the island called Heyringie.

Dated at Hembur[y] in Saltmarsh, on the day of SS. Fabian and Sebastian, A.D. 1260.

**No. 316.** Ordinance of Walter [de Cantilupe], bishop of Worcester, <sup>Fol. 106.</sup> by which he admits Stephen, a canon presented by the prior of Bruton to the care, rule, and administration of the priory of Horsleg, the prior having supplicated him to do so on the

morrow of the Translation of St. Benedict the abbot, in the year of grace 1262, in the conventional church of St. Augustine of Bristol.

In presentia Dominorum Edwardi decani Wellensis, Roberti de Karevill thesaurarii Sarum, Johannis de Axebrug' subdecani Wellensis, Walteri de Viann officiarii nostri, Walteri dicti Scamel canonici Sarum.

**No. 317.** Mandate of Walter [de Cantilupe], bishop of Worcester, to Master W. de Vienn[a] to institute to the priory of Horsleg the canon whom the prior and convent of Bruton presented. Dated at London on the day of Apostles Peter and Paul, A.D. 1261.

**No. 318.** Grant by Humphrey de Boun, earl of Hereford and Essex, and constable of England, for the safety of his soul and the souls of Matilda his wife, and his heirs, to the canons of Bruton in frank, pure and perpetual almoin, of a piece of land in Witehurst, in the field called Sandfeld, and two pieces of land in the field called Ruddingge, between the town of Witehurst and Thesgrave, in exchange for lands which lay between their lands; and also quitclaim to the same of all his right in two services, viz. in twelve men in autumn at his corn-fields or doing other work for one week.

His testibus:—Domino W. de Colerne, abbatte Malmesburiensi et Domino W. de Axewell, priore Lantoniensi, Thoma de Rodbergh, Johanne Hachard, Johanne de Seynclee.

**No. 319.** Confirmation by Godfrey [Giffard], bishop of Worcester, of the preceding charter.

Dated A.D. 1271.

**No. 320.** Grant and confirmation by William, abbot of Troarn, and the convent of the same place to the canons of Bruton, of their possessions in England, except their possessions at Heyling.

Fol. 107 **No. 321.** Confirmation by king Henry [III] of the exchange between the abbot and convent of Troarn and the prior and convent of Bruton.

Hiiis testibus:—Venerabili patre H[enrico], London[iensi] episcopo, Johanne Mansell thesaurario Ebor', Alano la Zusche, Roberto Walerand, Willelmo de Wilton, Reginaldo filio Petri, Mauricio de Berkeley, Imberto Pogeyns, Waltero de Merton, Imberto de Mountferaunt, Petro de Nevile.

Given by the hand of Master Nicholas, archdeacon of Ely, our chancellor at the Tower of London, twenty-first June, in the forty-fifth year of our reign.

**No. 322.** Approval by Godfrey [Giffard], bishop of Worcester, of Fol. 108. the exchange between the abbot and convent of Troarn and the prior and convent of Bruton, and order that the prior of Horsleg, who now is, and the others who for the time shall be, at the presentation of the prior of Bruton, shall have the cure of the souls of the churches of Horslegh and Witehurst with their appurtenances and obventions for ever, and that he shall have with him one canon regular whom the prior of Bruton shall provide.

Dated at Worcester, the nones of April in the year of grace 1276.

**No. 323.** Confirmation by Richard, prior of Worcester, and the convent of the same place, of the said exchange. Dated in the chapter of Worcester, on the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, A.D. 1276.

**No. 324.** Grant and confirmation of King Henry [II.], concerning Fol. 109. the manors of Horsley and Rungeton, made to the monks of Troarn.

Henry king of England, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, justices, barons, sheriffs, ministers, and all his faithful men, French and English of the whole of England, greeting.

Know ye that I have granted and confirmed to God and St. Martin of Troart and to the monks there serving God, "pro salute," &c., all their lands, liberties and customs which they had in the kingdom of England in the time of the kings William and Henry my predecessors, to wit, Horsley, with all its appurtenances, which the aforesaid king William [I.] my great grandfather, gave to them in almoin, so absolved and quit that my

serjeants of Cirencestre shall not take anything in it as the same king William by his letter prohibited that same: and Rongeton and Haringey, with the appurtenances, which Roger, earl of Salop, gave to them: and three hides of land which Herleuuin gave to them at Walteham: and the tithes of Grafam and of Estrementon, and two dwelling-houses in Cicestre: and the tithes of Merston which Oismelin gave to them: and the church of Mundreham which Turstin de Fontanis gave to them: and the tithes of Northburn which Ralph Bastard gave to them: and the tithe of Offam which Atso gave to them: and the church of St. Andrew of Witenehere, with the land of the priests and the tithes which to the same town pertain: and the church of Mapeldra, with the land of the priest and the land of one plough, with the meadows to the same land adjacent, and the tithes of the same town: and the church of Moland with the priest and the tithes of the same mansion and the land for one plough-land with the meadows: and three tenants (*hospites*) with their land: and in Espichewich one tenant and the church of Waroclia with the tithes, all which Robert de Romeilleio gave to them in almoin. And besides this I will and order that ten hides of Horsleg shall be rated for seven hides for all gelds and all things, as king Henry granted and by his charter confirmed to them. Moreover I grant to the same church of St. Martin of Troart the land and houses in Winchester which John the marshal (*marescallus*) gave to them in almoin, which the same John held of the fee of St. Peter of Hyde. Wherefore we will and firmly order that the aforesaid church of St. Martin of Troart and the monks there serving God shall have and hold all these things aforesaid so well and in peace, freely, quietly and honourably, in wood and plain, in meadows and feedings, in ways and paths, in waters and mills, within the town (*burgus*) and without, and in all places, with all liberties, customs, and quittances to the aforesaid lands and tenements pertaining, as ever better, more freely, more quietly, more honourably they held them in the time of king William, my great-grandfather, and king Henry, my grandfather, and as their charters testify, and as the charters of the aforesaid donors testify. And that they shall be as quit of shires and hundred courts and of pleas and plaints as they were in the times of my aforesaid ancestors kings of England.

Testes :—Th[omas] cancellarius, R[eginaldus] comes Cor-nubie, H[enricus] de Essex' constabularius, Ricardus Hum[ez] constabularius, Warinus filius Gerici camerarius, Man[asserus] Biset dapifer, Jocelinus de Baillolio, apud Wygorniam.

**No. 325.** Confirmation by Henry, duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and count of Anjou, for his soul and the souls of his father and mother and all his ancestors and friends, to the monks of Troarn, of the alms which they had in England in the time of King Henry [I.] his grandfather (as in No. 324).

Testibus :—Willelmo cancellario, Reginaldo comite Cornubie, Willelmo comite Glocestrie, Roberto comite Leycestrie, Rogero comite Herfordie, Patricio comite Wiltesirie, Hunfrido de Boun dapifero, Ricardo de Humez conestabulario, Elya Gaiffard.

**No. 326.** Confirmation by king John to the monks of Troarn of Fol. 110. the lands and liberties which they had in England in the time of king William and king Henry, his predecessors, as in the charter of king William; and grant that they may take into Normandy their cheeses and bacons and the things for their food which they can swear to be of their demesnes.

Testibus :—Domino E. Burdegalensi archiepiscopo et J. epis-copo Northwicensi, G. filio Petri comite Essexie, Roberto filio Rogeri, Willelmo Brewer', W. de Cantelupo.

Given by the hand of Simon, provost of Beverley and arch-deacon of Wells, at Reading, on the eighteenth day of January, in the fifth year of his reign. [A.D. 1204.]

**No. 327.** *Inspximus* and confirmation by king Henry III. of the preceding charter.

Hii testibus :—Venerabilibus patribus B[onifacio] Cantuar' archiepiscopo, A[domaro] Winton' electo, Ricardo comite Cornubie, fratre nostro, Johanne Maunsel preposito Beverlac', Magistro Willelmo de Kylkenni, archidiacono Coventr', Magistro Radulfo filio N., Bertramo de Crioill, Johanne de Grey, Johanne de Lexinton, Roberto Walerand, Henrico de Wengham, Bartholomeo Peche.

Dated at Winchester, the twentieth day of June, in the thirty-seventh year of his reign.

**No. 328.** Confirmation by king Henry III. to the monks of Troart that they may be quit of shires, &c., as granted by king John. Also grant that they and their men within the seven hundreds of Cirencestre, which the abbot and convent of Cirencestre hold of him at fee farm, may be quit of the view of frankpledge for ever.

Hiiis testibus:—Johanne Maunsell, Henrico de Bratton, N. de Turri, Waukelino de Arderne, Matheo Bezill, Waltero de Merton, Bartholomeo le Bigod.

Dated at Winchester, the twenty-eighth day of June, in the fortieth year of his reign.

Fol. 111. **No. 329.** Gift by Robert de Romeliolo, for the safety of his lord king William, and his father and mother, and for the safety of himself and his heirs, to the church of St. Martin of Troart, of the church of St. Andrew with the land of the priests in Witenhere by the river Severn, and the tithe of all his things which pertain to the said town. And in Dorsetshire the church of Mapeldra with the land of the priest and the land of one plough with the meadows adjacent to the said land, and two tenants (*hospites*) one free and the other a slave and the tithe of all his things of the said town. And in Devonshire the church of Molanda with the priest and land for one plough: and three tenants with their land, and the tithe of all his things which pertain to the said manor: and in Espichewic one tenant and the church of Warocle and the tithe of all killing of his hogs and a tithe of the skins of stags and beasts, and common of feeding for beasts and sheep in all his land when it shall be necessary. Signum ✠ Willelmi regis. Signum ✠ Johannis episcopi Somerset. Signum ✠ Willelmi cancellarii. Signum ✠ Roberti de Romeleio. Signum ✠ Willelmi episcopi Dunelmi.

**No. 330.** Grant by William de Say, brother of William de Say, "pro salute," &c., to the monks of Troart, of the tithe of his mill of Witehurst, from corn and fishes, with the consent of his lord William de Say.

Testibus:—Simon de Peresvill, W. parvo, J. sacerdote, W. filio Richeri.

**No. 331.** Grant by Henry de Bohun, earl of Hereford, with the consent of the lady Matilda, the countess, his wife, "pro salute," &c., to the monks of Troarn, of the tithe of the fulling-mill of Witehurste.

Hiis testibus :—Luca de Grusci', J. Berners, Simone de Parc'.

**No. 332.** Peter Caperun gives seven acres of land to the canons at Horslegh.

Grant by Peter de Caperun, of Horsley, to the prior and convent of Bruton, in frank and perpetual almoyn of seven acres of land on the north side of Ruggeweie, in the field of Horsley, which the abbot and convent of Kingswode once held, and leave to make assart in the manor of Horsleg.

Hiis testibus :—Nigello de Kingescote, W. de Neillesworth, W. Spileman, J. Hach[ar]t, J. de Seincle.

**No. 333.** Quit-claim by Sampson, the abbot, and the convent of Kingeswode, to Peter de Caperun, of seven acres of land which Geoffrey Caperun, father of the said Peter, gave to them, which lie on the north of Reggeweie, in the field of Horsleg.

**No. 334.** Grant by Nigel de Kingeschote to the prior and convent <sup>Fol. 112.</sup> of Bruton, and to the prior of Horsley, who for the time shall be, of the ditch which extends between his land and his wood of Horsleg and his land and wood of Kingescote.

Hiis testibus :—Johanne Hachard, Waltero de Nailesworth, Thoma de Rodburg, Waltero Spileman, Petro Caperun, Petro de Naylesworth, Fulcone.

**No. 335.** Quit-claim by Peter de Yweleya to Sir William de Berkeley, knight, of the homage, wardship, and relief of W. de Neylesworth and his heirs, which were due to him for the land of Luddesmore, for which Sir William gave him one good robe of burnet, with a hood trimmed with squirrel furs.

Hiis testibus :—Petro de Stintescombe, R. le Veel.

**No. 336.** Grant by William de Berkeley to the canons of Bruton, of the homage, &c., of Walter de Neilesworth, for the land of Luddesmore.

Hiis testibus :—Johanne Hachard, &c.

**No. 337.** Grant by William [de Albini], earl of Cicestre, for the safety of the soul of queen Adeliz his wife, to the monks of Troarn, of the church of Moundeham.

Testes:—Jocelinus frater Adeliz[e] regine, Hunfridus de Milleriis, dapifer, Th[omas] de Ardenna constabularius, Serlo medicus. At Arundel.

**No. 338.** Confirmation by William [de Albini], earl of Cicestre, of an agreement between the monks of Troarn and Master Jocelin, viz. that Jocelin shall hold the church of Mundeham so long as he shall live, of the abbot and monks, paying one “manca” of gold by the year.

Testibus:—Willelmo filio meo et Jocelino fratre Regine, R. filio Savari, Th[oma] de Ardern, Hunfrido de Millariis, Maness[ero] Aculeo, W. de Cort', W. Avenel.

**No. 339.** Confirmation by J[ohn de Greneford], bishop of Chichester, of an agreement as follows: G., the abbot, and the monks of Troarn, and Master Joceline, canon of Chichester, before J. bishop of Salisbury, and R. the archdeacon, had moved a controversy touching gold due to them annually from him in the name of the church of Mundeham, and the said Master Joceline, who possessed the said church in the name of the monks of Boxgrave, had demanded a certain tithe of the villeinage of the same monks, and a tithe of the lordship of Rungeton. The noble man William de Sancto Johanne, the lord and patron of Mundeham, in order that all controversy should be stopped, and peace reformed between the parties, was solicited. And he mediating between them, all controversy was renounced under this form. Roger de Johannis Villa and Hervey de Agneio, monks of Troarn, compounded the cause thus: The abbot and monks of Troarn renounced to the monks of Bosgrave all right which they demanded against Master Joceline in the church of Mundeham, and all litigation which they were going to move or could move by reason of certain charters, by which they said that the church of Mundeham was granted and confirmed to them, and they granted the said church of Mundeham to the prior and convent of Bosgrave and to Master Joceline, who shall hold it for his life in the name of the monks of Bosgrave, as he

formerly held it on behalf of G. the abbot, and the monastery of Troarn, free and quit with the tithes of Mundenham. Also, Ralph, the prior, and the convent of Bosgrave, with the assent of Master Joceline and William de Sancto Johanne, granted to the monks of Troarn the tithe of the sheaves of the whole land of Rungeton, saving all other parochial rights there to the church of Mundenham. They also granted to them after the death of Master Joceline, the tithe of two hides, which are of the fee of Alan Zoche, one, to wit in Brommore, and the other in Honest[an], saving a third part to the vicar of Mundenham.

Dated A.D. 1179, xviii. kal. of February.

Hiiis testibus :—Seffrido decano Cicestrie, H. precentore, Rogero thesaurario, R. abbate de Dereford, Simone et Edmundo canonicis, Waltero capellano, R. Hay, R. de Chaines<sup>t</sup>, Th[oma] de Argñth.

**No. 340.** Confirmation by Hilary, bishop of Chichester, to the monks of Troarn, of their possessions in his diocese, as Seffride his predecessor confirmed them.

**No. 341.** Confirmation by Richard the second, bishop of Chichester, to the monks of Troart, of their possessions in his diocese, viz. a tithe of the fee of Hugh Esturmi at Offam, a tithe of the fee of Alan la Zuche at Northburn, a tithe of the demesne of N. de Limisie at Strethampton and Northmerdon, certain small portions of tithes at Grofham, a tithe of the fee of Marcellus at Merston, a tithe of the whole land of Rungeton, and a tithe of two hides of the fee of Alan de la Zuche at Brommore and Honestan.

Dated A.D. 1249, on the morrow of the Assumption.

**No. 342.** Confirmation of bishop Seffride concerning two parts of the tithes of O. de Cauz.

Charter of Seffride, bishop of Chichester, reciting that there had been a suit between Robert, a clerk, and the monks of Troarn, concerning two parts of the tithes of the lordship of O. de Cauz, and that it had been settled by O. abbot of Colchester,

P. abbot of Coggeshall, and R. abbot of Tiltey, viz. that the said Robert shall hold the said tithes as long as he shall live, not in the name of his church but of the monks of Troarn, under an annual pension of forty-two pence to the prior of Horsley, and confirming that agreement.

Testibus:—Lodovico cantore Cicestrie, Magistro R. de Boseham, Godefrido de Stocton, Magistro Silvestro,

**No. 343.** Ordinance made between the rector of Sustoke and the monks of Troarn, touching the tithes of Offam, by the priors of Boxgrave, Arundel, and Sella, viz. that the monastery of Troarn shall possess all the tithes of the demesne of Offam, except the small tithes of the demesne, which once was of Reginald Aguilun; and the church of Sustoke shall possess the tithes coming from the villeinage of Offam. Also the priors of their own provision have paid five marks to the rector.

Dated A.D. 1233, nones of October.

**No. 344.** Renouncement by Master Hamon de Cant', rector of the church of Sustoke, of a controversy between the abbot and convent of Troarn and the prior of Rungeton, of the one part, and the said Hamon of the other part, touching tithes of Offam.

**No. 345.** Composition made A.D. 1260, between the prior and convent of Boxgrave, and the vicar of Hamptenette, of the one part, and the abbot and convent of Troarn, of the other part, concerning the taking of two sheaves in the name of the tithe of the whole demesne of Robert de Sancto Johanne<sup>1</sup>, viz.—the prior and convent of Boxgrave shall pay eight shillings annually to the priors of Rungeton in the manor of Rungeton, and they shall take all the tithes of the said demesne which the prior of Rungeton used to take.

Fol. 115. **No. 346.** Confirmation by John [Clipping], bishop of Chichester, of the said composition.

Dated A.D. 1260, on the day of St. Peter ad Vincula.

<sup>1</sup> To wit the tithes of Westreton of the demesne of R. de Sancto Johanne.

**No. 347.** Ordinance of Stephen [de Berkstead], bishop of Chichester, having with him as assessors, Walter de Glovernia, dean of Chichester, William de Brakelesham, chancellor, Nicholas de Pageham, then treasurer, Simon de Climping', archdeacon of Lewes, Master Richard de Pageham, and Robert de Purle, canon of Chichester, in a cause between the prior and convent of Bruton and the rector of Mundeham, concerning the tithes great and small of the demesne of Rongeton, and two sheaves of the tithes of a hide of land at Bromore, and a hide at Honestane, of the parish of Mundeham, and the tithes great and small of Suthstoke, of the fees of Sir Hugh Sturmi, Sir William de Couert, Sir Peter de Gatesdene, Sir Ralph de Sancto Audoeno, and Alice, formerly the daughter of Reginald Aguylun, at Offam, the great tithes of Northmeredon of the demesne of Sir John de Lymesi, the great tithes of Pulberg of the fee of Sir Alan la Suche at Nutburne, the great tithes of Grafham of the land of Robert Trotmenu, and the great tithes of Wautham from a hide of land pertaining to the manor of Rungeton, *viz.*—that the prior and canons of Bruton shall take the great and small tithes of their demesne of Rungeton, and the great tithes of all the tenants of their manor of Rongeton, two parts of the tithes of sheaves of the two hides at Bromore and Hunstane, and the great tithes and tithes of hay at Offam in the parish of Suthstoke, of the demesnes of Sir Hugh Sturmi, &c., and of their tenants. And the rectors of Suthstoke shall take the small tithes of the fees of the said knights and Alice. The rector of Pulberg shall take the great tithes of Northburn. The rector of Northmeredon shall take the great tithes of the demesne of Sir John de Lymesy. The rector of Grafham shall take the great tithes of the land of Robert Trotmenu, and the rector of Walltham shall take the great tithes of the hide pertaining to Rongeton. Also the rector of Suthstoke shall pay annually to the prior and convent of Bruton two shillings, the rector of Pulbergh five shillings, the rector of Northmerdon five shillings, the rector of Grafham half a mark, and the rector of Walltham twelve pence, in the name of the tithes which they shall take by the authority of this ordinance.

Dated at Ambresley, A.D. 1263, viij. kal. Nov.

Fol. 116. **No. 348.** Confirmation by Walter, the dean, and the chapter of Chichester, of the preceding ordinance.

Dated A.D. 1263, viij. ides of November.

**No. 349.** Ordinance of Stephen [de Berkstead], bishop of Chichester, having with him Masters Simon de Lagensi, his official, Godfrey de Pecham, archdeacon of Lewes, Robert de Wystaneston, and Sir John de Benstede, canons of Chichester, as assessors in a cause between the prior and convent of Bruton and Master Martin, rector of the church of Merstone, concerning a moiety of the great tithes of the whole demesne of the manor of Merstone, viz. that the said rector and his successors shall take the said tithes for ever, and the rector and his successors shall pay twenty shillings annually to the prior and convent of Bruton.

Dated at Aldingeburn on Friday next before the feast of St. Faith the Virgin, A.D. 1277.

Fol. 117. **No. 350.** Confirmation by the chapter of Chichester of the preceding ordinance of Bishop Stephen.

Dated at Cycestre on Saturday next after the feast of St Mark the Evangelist, A.D. 1278.

**No. 351.** Gift by John Sturmy to the monks of Troarn, of Walter Poume, and his whole tenement which the same Walter holds of him in the suburb of Cycestre without the east gate, which lies between the new cemetery and Polames Croft on the north side of the highway which goes from Cycestre to Arundell, and Henry the carpenter (*carpentarius*), and the whole tenement which he holds of him without the said gate, on the east side of the highway which goes from Cycestre to Aldyngburn, and it lies between the messuage which was of Thomas le Lorymer, and the messuage of Gervase Bacheler. And for this gift, William, the prior of Rungeton, gave him forty shillings, and a horse of the price of one mark, and to Rose his wife a violet cloak and one besant.

Hiis testibus. Th[oma] de Argenteum, G. Peverell, Magistro Anselmo capellano de Mund[ham], Vincentio capellano, Waltero capellano.

**No. 352.** Confirmation by Hugh de Nevile to the monks of Troarn, of two hides of land in Waltham, with the men holding that land, with their suits, services, issue, &c., and with a moiety of the groves called Walthamhingelholt and Bernette, viz. a moiety of each grove on the east side as it was divided by the inquisition of W. earl of Arundell. Which said land his predecessors, in times past, conferred on the abbey of Troarn in perpetual almoins. And he wills that the prior of Rungeton shall hold the said tenement in the name of the abbot and monks of Troarn for ever.

Hiis testibus :—Domino W[illelmo] quarto comite Arundell, Domino Willelmo de Sancto Johanne, Reginaldo Aguilun, W. de Alta Ripa, Hugone sine averio, R. de Viliers, R. Martel, G. Peverell, Th[oma] de Argenteim, W. de Lyuns, W. de Godmewode.

**No. 353.** Grant and quitclaim by Godfrey, son of Peter Bubu, of fol. 118. Waltham, to the monks of Troarn, of one hide of land, with a messuage and appurtenances, at Waltham.

Hiis testibus :—Domino R. de Raleie, Domino Th[oma] de Argentem.

**No. 354.** Quitclaim by John Fitz-Alan, lord of Arundell, to brother Thomas, prior of Bruton, and to his successors, of suit at his hundred-court of La Boxe, by reason of the manor of Rungeton : saving the suit of the free men and villeins of the said manor, according to what they were wont to render at the time of making the present charter.

Hiis testibus :—Domino Ada Gurdun, milite, fratre Waltero priore de Boxgrave, Th[oma] de Sancto Georgio, Th[oma] de Waltham, Willelmo de Ovinges, Johanne Dandevile, W. de Colevile, Roberto Hyrnesbime, Th[oma] de Niton, W. Russell de Grava, Eadmundo de Hamptenet.

**No. 355.** Duplicate of the charter of Humphrey de Boun. As on fol. 106. See p. 78.

Hiis testibus :—Domino Willelmo de Colern, abbate de

Malmesbury et Domino Willelmo priore de Lantonie, Thoma de Radber', Johanne Achard, Johanne de Seintleye.

Fol. 119. No. 356. Writ directed to Adam de Wylebye, escheator in the counties of Herts, Gloucester, &c., reciting that the king has taken the fealty of Robert, prior of Bruton, for the manor of Horslegh, co. Gloucester, which had been taken into his hand by reason of the last vacancy, and ordering him to deliver it to the prior.

Teste meipso apud Ebor. xxij. die Maii anno nono regni regis Edwardi terci.

No. 357. A similar writ directed to William de North, escheator in Surrey and Sussex, ordering him to deliver the manor of Rungeton, co. Sussex, to the same prior.

Teste me ipso apud Ebor. xxvj. die Maii anno nono regis Edwardi terci.

No. 358. Commission of king [Edward III] to Guy de Bryan, Richard Dacton, William de Chiltenham, and Thomas de Sloghetre, ordering them to enquire by the oath of true and lawful men of the county of Gloucester what devastations and dissipations were made of the goods, things, and possessions of the priory of Horsley, which is a cell of the priory of Bruton, by Henry de Lyle, now prior, or warden, of that cell, and to send the inquisition into the Chancery.

Teste Rege apud Westmonasterium sexto die Junii anno vicesimo nono.

No. 359. Grant by Robert de Netherton, son and heir of Robert de Netherton, to the canons of Bruton, of one penny of rent which he was wont to receive from John de Parham, with all other services which the same John was wont to do for lands and tenements in Charlton Adam: which said lands and tenements the said Robert de Netherton, son of Robert, held in chief of the said prior and canons.

Hiis testibus:—Willelmo de Reyny, Reginaldo Huse, Johanne de Homere, Johanne Bisshop, Arnulfo Baggeber, Waltero Isaac, Willelmo de Grensted.

Dated at Charleton Adam on Saturday next before the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mary, 1 Edward III.

**No. 360.** Release by Robert de Netherton, late son and heir of <sup>Fol. 120</sup> Robert de Netherton, to the canons of Bruton, of all right in all lands and tenements which he held of the same canons in Charlton Adam.

Witnesses as in the preceding charter.

Dated at Charleton Adam, on Wednesday next before the feast of St. Edmund the king and martyr, 1 Edward III.

**No. 361.** Assignment made on Friday the feast of St. Edmund the king and martyr, by brother Robert de Coker, canon and cellarer of the house of Bruton to Joan, late the wife of John de Parham, of her dower of the lands which the same John held of the canons in chief and by mesne of Robert de Netherton. Viz. in Myddelforling a third part of two acres; in the same culture a third part of two acres by the land of William de Reyny, in the same culture a third part of three acres in Hesteputforlang, a third part of three acres in the same culture by the land of John le Kynk, three-and-a-half perches and ten poles for two acres of land there and one acre by the land of John de Cary, in the culture in another small piece one acre by the land of William de Reyny for two acres in the same culture; by the land of John de Cary one acre by the land of the prior for two acres at Chastele; one acre by the land of the prior for two acres in Langeyarde; a third part of five acres in the south by the land of the prior at Watemore, a third part of three-and-a-half acres by the land of John le Yonge; in the same culture half an acre by the land of William de Reyny for one acre of Boueweys at Yaldon; half an acre by the land of Henry Batayle and half an acre by the land of John de Godeton for two acres at the Gerdelond; in the same culture a third part of two acres by the land of the prior Woneweye; one acre by the land of William le Hayward for two acres by the land of John de Carye; in Frogemere one acre for two acres by the land of W. de Rayny for two acres in the

same culture by the land of John le Kyng ; in the same culture a third part of three acres by the land of William de Rayny ; "Bove" Wodewey a third part of two acres by the land of W. de Rayny Attetouneshend a third part of three acres by the way from Estewell to Yaldon by the land of William le Hayward one acre for two acres ; in Kynghamgarston by the land of William le Hayward at Tordhull half an acre and half an acre at the Shelve by the land of Walter Jones for two acres in Kynghamgarston in two small pieces at Brandhyr', a third part of two-and-a-half acres at the Shelve a third part of three acres by the land of Henry Batayle at Broacre a third part of one acre by the land of W. de Rayney at Tordhull, a third part of five acres on the south by the land of the prior on Stratforlong, three acres by the land of the prior in one small piece for six acres in the same culture in two small pieces by the land of the prior at the south head of Brokeacre, three parts of two acres on the south of W. le Hayward at Shortlond Deshent, a third part of four acres at Somertonenswey a third part of five acres by the land of W. de Reyny, in the Slade by the land of John de Godeton, half an acre for one acre in short furlong ; in the same culture by the land of William le Heyward one acre for two acres ; on the north of Wytehey at Estewell a third part of two acres by the land of W. de Reyny ; by Este Wytyheye three parts of two acres ; by the land of Henry Batayle at the Heyze a third part of three-and-a-half acres ; by the land of Robert le Koke by Este Wytiheye half an acre ; by the land of the prior for her acre at Modfordbroke Attelondeshend a third part of one-and-a-half acres ; by the land of W. de Reyny at Sindyache a third part of seven acres ; by the land of the prior by the pasture of Babekary one acre for two acres at Sinderhashe. Also by the pasture of Matford a third part of two acres by the land of the prior. In the same culture three parts of two acres by the land of W. de Rayny upon Matford one acre in two small pieces by the land of the prior in the same culture one acre on the Fosse ; "Bynethefosse" one acre by the land of Roger de Cobeham in the same culture one acre at Crodefurlong half an acre for one acre "bynethefosse" at the Medwey the third part of seven acres by Smalweye a third part of five acres by the land of Roger Lesshe. Item, by the land of John Salond one acre for two acres at the Hose by

Este Wittyheye by the land of Henry Batayle half an acre for one acre in the same culture by the land of W. de Reyny ; at the Hullylond half an acre by the land of William Messor for one acre there by the land of Robert Berkar', "at Putslade" and half an acre by the land of Robert Berkar' and half an acre by the land of Robert le Rok for two acres at Cachethorne ; half an acre for one acre at Yaldputtesslade ; by the land of Henry Batayle at Yaldputteslade a third part of four-and-a-half acres ; at Lauerslade one acre for two acres "attechastelfet" ; at Chirshull by Lupeyatysweye a third part of four acres ; in the same culture a third part of six acres by the land of the prior ; at Laghersladedyche two acres ; and one acre at the Hegghethorne. Item, of meadow one acre in Westflor, and one acre in Stonymede for four acres in Foremede ; in Baltesie one acre by the meadow of John de Kary ; in Estflor two acres ; at Carydyche one acre for two acres by the meadow of John de Cary ; in Westflor half an acre, and half an acre in Estflor ; in Yaldeputtesslade a third part of two-and-a-half acres ; on the Hull a third part of two acres ; and a third part of a cottage and a curtilage containing one acre. And the same Joan did fealty in the presence of brothers Robert and Walter le Frye, canons, William de Reyny, Reginald Huse, John de Homere, Robert de Netherton, William de Tremsted, Henry le Frye, John de Evercriz, and others.

Dated at Cherleton Adam the day and year abovesaid.

**No. 362.** Presentation by Robert, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, of brother Richard de Holte, their canon, to the priory and church of Horselegh, addressed to Reginald, bishop of Worcester.

Dated xj. kal. Oct. A.D. 1357.

**No. 363.** Inquisition taken before Guy de Brian, William de Chyltenham, and Thomas de Sloughtre, at Gloucester, on Saturday next before the feast of St. John the Baptist 29 Edward III. [A.D. 1355] by virtue of a Commission of the Great Seal dated 6 June in the said year. By the oath of John de Draycote, William de Westmyngtote, John de Olpenne, John Notelyn, Thomas Skay, Thomas Colyns, Ralph Derham, John Gyffard, Walter Huwet, John Botiller, John Stonhuse, and John

Symondes. Who say that the priory of Horslegh, in the county of Gloucester, of the foundation of the progenitors of the lord the king, is a cell of the priory of Bruton, and that the temporalties of the same cell on every vacancy of the priory of Bruton pertain to the king. And that the prior of that cell answers as canon and minister of the priory of Bruton for all issues and possessions thereto pertaining, saving the reasonable sustentation of himself and his servants to the prior of Bruton for the time being. And they say that Henry de Lyle, the now prior and warden of the said cell wasted and dissipated the goods and chatels thereof, viz. by cutting trees and selling wood to the value of one hundred pounds, selling sheep to the value of thirty pounds, and selling eighty oxen and cows falling to the cell for mortuaries and heriots in the time of the plague, to the value of ten pounds. And they say that Henry, now warden, *ex capite proprio* and without the licence of his prior, expended sixty pounds in going and returning to Rome and Venice.

Fol. 122. **No. 364.** Writ tested at Westminster 26 Oct. 35 Edw. III. [A.D. 1361] directed to John de Bekyngton, the escheator in the county of Surrey, reciting that Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells, had confirmed brother Richard Cokkyngge, canon of Bruton, as prior of Bruton, and that the king had taken his fealty for the manors of Stonieston, county Somerset, Horselegh, county Gloucester, and Rungeton, county Sussex, which were taken into his hand by the death of Robert Coker, the last prior, commanding him to deliver to the said prior the manor of Stonyeston, in his bailiwick. Like writs are directed to Philip de Lutteleye, escheator in county Gloucester, touching the manor of Horseleghe, and to Philip atte Tye, escheator in county Sussex, touching the manor of Rungeton.

**No. 365.** In the account of John de Bekynton, the king's escheator, from the feast of St. Michael in the thirty-fifth year [Edward III.] to the feast of St. Michael next following, it is thus contained.

And [he renders an account of] five shillings and a penny of the issues of the manor of Stonyeston, which is the temporalties of the priory of Bruton lately vacant by the death of Robert

Coker, the last prior (and it is extended at nine pounds, nineteen pence by the year) from 3 Oct. in the said thirty-sixth year commencing (when the said abbey began to be vacant) until 30 Oct. next following before it was delivered to Ralph Cokkyng, the prior.

**No. 366.** Inquisition taken before William Auncell, escheator in county Gloucester, 4 July, forty-third Edward III. [1369]. By the oath of Hugh de Rodberwe, Henry Bordon, Philip Rodberwe, John Rommesey, William Mageorlyng, Robert Northcote, John Buryman, Stephen Brongar, Robert Skynner, Richard Tanner, Robert Lokerugge, and Thomas Clergys, who say that the priory of Horselegh is of the foundation of the king's progenitors, given by the king's progenitors to the abbot and convent of Troarne in Normandy to find a prior, one monk, and one parish chaplain to celebrate divine services for the king and his progenitors in the priory and the parish church there, and that he should make continuous residence and shall hold honest hospitality. And they say that the said abbot and convent gave the said priory to the prior of Bruton in exchange for the lands of the said prior in Normandy, to find a prior and a canon and a parish chaplain to celebrate divine services for the king and his progenitors. And they say that the prior of Horseleye who is instituted and inducted for his life by the bishop of Worcester, at the presentation of the prior of Bruton, without the king's licence, has withdrawn the divine obsequies and hospitality for seven years. And they say that the priory of Horselegh has twice been vacant within fifteen years last elapsed whereby the king had no profit, but the prior of Bruton [had]. And they say that the prior of Horseleghe who now is, granted the manor of Horseleghe to the prior of Bruton for the term of the said prior of Horseleye without the licence of the king. Which manor is held of the king in chief as parcel of the said priory.

**No. 367.** Inquisition taken at Cirencestre, before William Auncell. Fol. 123. escheator in Gloucester, Hereford, and the Marches of Wales, 25 March, 43 Edward III. [1369]. By the oath of Geoffrey Aylwyne, Richard atte Hyde, Nicholas Ameneye, Thomas Tresham, Walter Walteres, Henry Somervill, John Upcote,

Robert Hamond, Roger de Morton, John de Fyhyde, Robert Russell, and Nicholas de Veye, who say that the priory of Horseleghe is held of the king in chief by exchange (as in the preceding inquisition). And they say that the priory of Horseleye is a cell of the priory of Bruton, and the priors of Bruton presented to the priory of Horseleye from ancient time one of their canons who was instituted and inducted by the bishop of Worcester. And that the prior of Horseleye shall have a canon of the priory of Bruton to dwell at Horseleye as his fellow to celebrate divine services continually for the king and his progenitors. And they say that the prior of Horseleye shall make continual residence in the priory and shall hold hospitality. Also the said prior shall sustain six poor persons in his hall there once every day at dinner, but now the divine obsequies, hospitality and sustentation of poor persons are withdrawn for seven years. They also say that the vacancy of the priory of Horseleye pertains to the king and that it has been vacant twice in fifteen years and the king took no profit therefrom.

**No. 368.** Writ of *supersedeas* dated 15 July, 45 Edward III. [1371] directed to the barons of the exchequer commanding them not to proceed with the demand against the prior of Bruton for the issues of the manor of Horsley taken into the king's hand by pretext of the presentments made before William Aunsell, escheator in county Gloucester.

**No. 369.** Charter of king Edward III., dated at Westminster 20 July in the forty-third year of his reign [A.D. 1369], by which, upon the supplication of the prior of Bruton setting forth the exchange between the prior of Bruton and the abbot of Troarne and that on each vacancy of the priory of Bruton after that exchange the issues of the manor of Horseley had been answered for at the exchequer, William Auncell the escheator of Gloucester, pretending that the church of Horseley and the manor were one priory *per se*, and held of the king, and were to be charged for finding divers chantries and alms for the king and his heirs, and that he ought to answer to the king for the issues of the priory of Horseley at each vacancy, took the

said manor into the king's hand, he orders the restitution of the said manor to the prior of Bruton.

**No. 369.** Inquisition *ad quod damnum* taken at Bristol 10 April, 45 Edward III. [1371]. By the oath of John Wykewyk, John de Weston, Hugh Staunton, John Swaylham, Roger Wallsh, Thomas Burnell, John Rolff, Thomas Wykewyke, John de Wyke, William Golde, Reginald Waleys, Robert atte Hay, and John Stanley, who say that it is not to the harm or prejudice of the king or of others if the king grant to the prior and convent of Bruton that they can have and hold in pure and perpetual almoin the churches of Horselegh and Whyttenhurst, in the county of Gloucester, to their own uses, the right of the patronage of which churches they hold. Saving to the king and his heirs the custody of the manor of Horsleghe on every vacancy of the priory of Bruton. And that the said prior and his successors, from henceforth can present secular vicars to those churches, so that no canon shall be presented to the said churches nor a prior of Horselegh be nominated, but that the vicars so to be presented, when they shall be admitted and instituted, shall bear the sole care thereof. And they say that the canon of Bruton presented to the said churches was called prior of Horselegh, and another canon used to make his residence at Horselegh, and they were wont every day to feed sometimes six poor persons, and sometimes five or four, whether from devotion or right they know not.

**No. 370.** Account of the escheator for Horseley, and Rong[ton] in Fol. 125. the time of the vacancy.

In the account of Walter de Glowcester, the king's escheator on this side Trent, for the 26th, 27th, 28th, and 29th years of king Edward, son of king Henry.

Nine pounds thirteen pence of the issues of the manors, of Horseley, county Gloucester, and Rongton, county Sussex, which the said escheator, by virtue of his office, took into the hand of the king by reason of the vacancy of the priory of Bruton by the death of J[ohn de Gundham] the late prior, from the 3rd July in the 26th year, on which day he died, until the 26th August

next following before the king rendered the said manors to brother Richard de la Grave.

**No. 371.** Account of the same escheator for the second year of king Edward, son of king Edward, and commencement of the third year thirteen pounds eighteen shillings and five pence farthing of the issue of the manors of Horsey and Rongton from 2 January, in the second year, on which day the escheator took those manors into the king's hand by the death of brother Richard, prior of Bruton, until 14 April next following before he delivered them to brother Walter de Legh.

**No. 372.** Writ tested at Westminster, 12 February, 9 Richard II [1386], reciting that whereas the prior and convent of Bruton holding the parish church of Suthpederton to their proper uses lately sued John Longe, Roger Tayllour, Thomas Whyte, John Swayne, and William Hayward, parishioners of the chapel of Sevenhampton, in the parish of the chapel of Suthpederton, in a Court Christian, because they carried away trees growing in the cemetery and sanctuary of the said chapel, and that Joan Tailour, of Sevenhampton, had procured the king's prohibition that that plea should not be prosecuted in a Court Christian, and signifying to them that notwithstanding the said prohibition they can prosecute the cause further in a Court Christian.

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**Fol. 126. No. 373.** Ordinance made A.D. 1373 concerning the manor of Dychescove between the prior and the convent of Bruton, viz. that all issues and emoluments of the lands, tenements, meadows, and pastures of Dychescove, Bykewyke, and Redelyche, pertaining to the said manor, except the wood there, shall be converted to the pittance of the said convent to be distributed by the hands of the pittancer who for the time shall be. Saving the heriots and mortuaries and a moiety of all fines, all which shall be reserved to the common uses of the monastery of Bruton. Also all emoluments and profits of tenements in Bruton pertaining to the said manor, together with four closes at Puppleshaw, and all arable land in the fields of Bruton shall be converted to the common uses. But the sub-prior shall have for

his solace <sup>1</sup> from the lands of Dychescove which remain to the convent

In the presence of brother Richard, the prior, and the whole convent of Bruton after the decease of John de Mershton who had the whole rent of the manor of Dychescove in his hand the whole of his life.

**No. 374.** Quitclaim by William Montacu, earl of Sarum, brother and heir of Simon Montacu, earl of Sarum, for the safety of his soul and a relief (*remedium*) for the sin of his ancestors in the premises, to Walter de Leghe, the prior, and to the canons of Bruton, of the tenement of Chedesey which the prior and convent of Bruton had at one time granted to one Simon Montacu his ancestor at perpetual farm at an annual rent of ten shillings, and which the said Simon had granted to Adam de Chedesey and his heirs for ever, at an annual rent of ten shillings.

**No. 375.** Grant by Richard Tyler', of Montacu, of a rent of five shillings issuing from a close called Hachecot, in Montacu, to the prior of Bruton and his successors, which rent was from a time beyond memory to find a lamp burning in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of the said priory at high mass.

Dated, at Montacu, on Monday next before the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, 10 Henry IV. [1408.]

**No. 376.** Memorandum that the house of Bruton was founded in Fol. 127. the year of the Incarnation of the Lord, 1142, viz. in the seventh year of king Stephen, nephew of king Henry I., in the times also of Innocent II., Theobald, archbishop of Canterbury, and the first Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells. In whose time, to wit, of Robert [bishop] of Bath, the canons of Bruton had the hundred and market of Alexander de Cantilupe, together with his land of Combe and with all other things which the same Alexander had in the said town of Bruton at fee farm, free and quit from all service, except two marks to be paid

<sup>1</sup> Blank in the MS.

annually to the lord the king. All which things William Tankerville, the chamberlain of the lord king Stephen, confirmed as lord of that fee. And also Eugenius III. in the third year of his pontificate, Anastasius IV. in the third, and Gregory VIII. in the sixth. And note that the said Robert, bishop of Bath and Wells, ruled the said churches for thirty-one years: to whom succeeded Reginald, who also in like manner ruled them for twenty seven years; and Savaric succeeded him, who held the patronage of the abbey of Glaston granted by king Richard by a charter thereof made to him in augmentation of his bishopric, and thus the churches of Bath and Glaston were united; which union Celestine [IV] confirmed in the sixth year of his pontificate, which said Savaric died in the twelfth year of his consecration. To whom succeeded Joceline, who ruled the churches aforesaid for thirty-seven years, who was consecrated in the eleventh year of the reign of king Henry, grandfather of the now king, and in his twenty-second year he obtained from the court, for himself and his successors, acquittance of paying toll, as appears below. And moved by that reason the king caused it to be announced to the religious men and others in that year who wished to enjoy their liberties that they should renew their charters by the new seal of the king, they knowing that he reputed the ancient charters to be null. And so the house of Bruton is enfeoffed with the hundred of said town and the market the one hundred and first year before Jocelin's obtaining [the acquittance].

No. 377. In the presence of John de Alveton, the chief steward, and Walter de Lenche, the second steward.

Stoneyeston.

Copy of the court [roll] of the honour of Gloucester concerning the claims of Stoneyeston.

At the great court of Bristol, of the honor of Gloucester, held at Bristol on Wednesday, the feast of St. Gregory the pope, 22 Edward III. [1348] before John de Alveton, Walter de Lenche, stewards of Sir H. le Despenser. It was commanded to distrain the prior of Bruton to make a fine for entry for all the lands and tenements which he held in Stoneyeston, which

formerly were of Walter Peytelyn, and also to do homage and fealty for the said lands ; who comes and says that they are held of the king in chief, and thereupon he showed a charter of king Henry made to Peter Peytelyn, which follows.

Gift by king Henry to Peter Peytelyn [*Pictavensis*] of the whole land of Stonyeston, which Robert de Garovill, formerly held of him in chief.

And further, it being found by the whole county that the prior holds no lands in Stonyeston of the fee of the honor of Gloucester, the prior and his successors are absolved.

**No. 378.** A memorandum that in the time of king Stephen, the prior of Bruton obtained the hundred of Bruton with the market, and from that time he and his successors took toll of all the men of the abbot of Glaston and others whomsoever coming to the said market, and they render two marks annually to the king by the hands of the sheriff. And king Stephen and his progenitors formerly took the toll.

**No. 379.** Agreement made on Monday next before the feast of St. Fol. 128. Ambrose, A.D. 1330, at Pulton, between the abbot of Glastonbury and the prior of Bruton, touching toll due to the prior from the men of the abbot coming to the market of Bruton to sell or buy goods and chattels. The bond-tenants of the abbot who shall come to the said market to buy or sell shall pay toll or custom as is meet ; and the prior granted that at the request of the said abbot or his steward the said bond-tenants coming to the said market to buy or sell for the necessity of their rent or living, that then the said prior will show grace to them what time he pleases. This agreement was made in the presence of John de Clyvedon, John de la Fosse, Henry Power, and others of the council of the said abbot, and of William de Reyne, Richard Coker, William de Combe, and other of the council of the said prior being there.

**No. 380.** Inquisition made at Chelton Mucegros on the morrow of the Ascension, 3 Edward III. [1329] before Robert de Radyngton, sub-escheator of the king in the counties of Somerset

and Devon, by William de Combe, Peter de Norton, Ralph Huscarl, Walter de Porta, Henry de Carvill, Adam at the Felde, Nicholas Poer', Reginald Huse, Robert Lovel, Thomas de Salforde, John Gormond, Nicholas de Hurne. Who say that Alexander de Cantelupe came into England with William le Bastard, and he then had *ex conquestu* the hundred of Bruton. And in his seisin he enfeoffed the priory of Bruton of the said hundred, rendering to him and his heirs two marks annually. And afterwards the heirs of the said Alexander, together with the other Normans were exiled from England, and then the king had the said two marks by escheat of the Normans. And from that time the canons of Bruton held, and as yet hold the said hundred of the king in chief; rendering two marks annually.

No. 381. A memorandum as follows:—In the year of grace 1181, dominical letter D, in the seventeenth paschal feast, being the nones of April in the second year after leap year, the eleventh from the passion of St. Thomas, Pope Alexander ruling the holy Roman Church, in the twenty-second year of his pontificate, the venerable father Baldwyn presiding over the church of Canterbury, and also Reginald called Ytalicus being bishop of Bath, Ralph de Clanvile, then chief justice of England, Geoffrey fitz Peter, then justice of the forest, by the illustrious king Henry II., in the year of his age forty-nine, and of his reign twenty-eight, the house of the Carthusian order in the desert (*heremo*) of Wythham was newly founded. Be it remembered also that before the foundation of the Carthusian house in the manor of Wythham, the prior and convent of Bruton had a chapel with lands and tenements in the same manor pertaining to their church of Bruton. By reason of which the chaplains took all tithes in the said manor. Also the said prior and convent had by ancient custom the feeding of their beasts in the same manor without number and quittance of herbage and sufficient fuel for their fire in the king's demesne woods from the dead wood and one log annually for their fire. After the said house was founded, the king wished the Carthusians there to be free from all exaction and secular strife, according to their

custom, wherefore he conferred on the prior and convent the church of Suthperton in recompence for the said chapel, and he assigned to them by his justices the feedings of the beasts, the fuel with the log aforesaid, and the porcary with the hogs. To have for ever in the wood which is called Bryncoumbe which at one time was of Sir Henry de Karevile, the elder, of Bruton, and it came by waste to the royal hands. From that time the prior and convent of Bruton possessed all the things abovesaid in the said wood quietly and peaceably until the time of Robert Passelewe, Sir Geoffrey de Langelegh, and William Bryton, who in the time of their justiceship disturbed them, wishing to know by what right and by what custom they possessed the things aforesaid. And the said prior and convent laying the said plaint before the lord the king concerning the said disturbance, the king having heard their plaint ordered an inquisition to be made concerning their right and custom. And the king being certified by an inquisition of the country touching their right and ancient custom granted and confirmed to them all the things aforesaid, except that he reduced the sufficiency of fuel to a certain amount and their pigs quit of panage to a certain number.

**No. 382.** Charter of king Henry II. of toll.

Charter of king Henry [II] addressed to the justices and all Fol. 129. sheriffs, reeves, ministers, and bailiffs of all England and Normandy and the sea ports, granting that the prior and convent of Bruton may be quit of toll, pontage, and passage.

Testibus :—Roberto de Ver et Johanne Marescallo. At Rouen.

**No. 383.** Final concord made at Westminster, on Thursday next after the feast of St. Luke 8 Richard [I] before Hubert, archbishop of Canterbury, R[alph], archdeacon of Hereford, Osbert Fitz Hervey, Simon de Pateshyll, Master T. de Husseburn, Richard de Herierd, justices. Between the prior of Bruton and the convent of the same place, plaintiffs, and Agnes de Coumbe, tenant, of two virgates of land and one ferling and one meadow in Bruton, by which Agnes acknowledged the

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said tenements to be the fee and right of the prior and convent of Bruton, for which the prior and convent quit-claimed the said tenements to Agnes and her heirs. To have and to hold of them for ever by the service of seven shillings for all service, except foreign service.

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Abstracts of Charters from Transcript in the  
Public Record Office, known as  
“Cartulaire de la Basse Normandie.”

**No. 384.** Letter of J[ocelin] bishop of Bath and Glaston, to the abbots of Fécamp and Valmont, and the prior of Fécamp, in which he informs them, that at the request of G. the prior, and the convent of Bruton, he has inspected certain charters of the church of Bruton and is sending them transcripts because it is difficult and dangerous to send the charters themselves to their parts.

**No. 385.** Agreement between the canons of Bruton, and Alexander de Canteleu. The said Alexander gives in fee farm for ever to the said canons whatsoever he has in Bruton, to wit the hundred, the market, and the land of the court, for two marks a year, and if he cannot warrant the said land and agreement, by reason of war or other cause, the canons shall not pay him anything until he can warrant. And for this the canons gave him forty shillings, to Ranulph his son and heir, a palfrey, and to the wife of the latter a piece of gold. And Alexander and Ranulph his son offered this agreement on the altar.

Testes sunt:—Robertus de Sumery, Robertus Luvellus, Alveredus Horder, Segar de Briweham, Anketil Milet, Helias nepos prioris, Eustachius pastor, Walterus cocus, Robertus Warham, Rogerus Craba, Wlwinus Strod, et Willelmus frater ejus, Willelmus Palmer, Hugo Sochia et Robertus frater ejus, Egdlaf de Estrop, Ricardus de Lisewiȝ, Willelmus Talia.

**No. 386.** Grant by William the Chamberlain of Tankerville, addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, to the canons of Bruton, of the land which Alexander de Cantelupe gave to them in almoin, the virgate which Theodoric de Meinnil-Malgeri assigned to the church of Bruton, the wood called Pinkewod, and whatsoever the men of his fee gave to the said church.

Testibus:—Stephano Burdeth, Ricardo de Tankarvilla, Roberto de Mortuomari, et Willelmo de Tankarvilla. Apud Tankarvillam.

**No. 387.** Richard (*sic*), bishop of Bath, confirms the gift which Alexander de Canteleu made, A.D. 1146, of half a hide and a quarter of land, which Oldetha and her predecessor Laddel held, to the church of Bruton.

Testibus:—Ivone ejusdem ecclesie decano, Eustachio, Hugone, Martino archidiaconis, Reginaldo cantore, et toto capitulo.

**No. 388.** Confirmation by Thomas, archbishop of Canterbury, primate of England, and legate of the apostolic see, to the canons regular of Bruton, of all their possessions, viz. the church of Bruton, with all things adjacent to it, the land which William de Moyon had in the same town with the men, &c., the land of Briweham of the gift of the same, the church of Lokesberg confirmed to them by Robert, bishop of Bath, the lands of the parish of Bruton, of the gift of Alexander de Cantelu and Henry de Carevill, a virgate of land of the gift of Wandregisil de Curcella and Roger de Granton, two parts of the tithe of Pidicumbe and Dichenescova of the gift of Geoffrey de Kari, and, of the gift of the same Geoffrev, a virgate of land at Dichenescova, and another virgate at Hunewic.

**No. 389.** Letter from the prior and convent of Bruton to the abbot and convent of Trowarn, asking them to allow them time to repay two hundred pounds which they had paid for them to the chapter of Coutances until Almighty God takes away strife from England.

**No. 390.** Charter of King Henry [II.] addressed to R[ichard] bishop of Evreux and R. de Sancto Walerico, ordering that the canons of Bruton shall hold the church of Lion with all things pertaining thereto, and especially with twelve acres of land which Hubert de Perreponct gave them, as freely as the charters of the said Hubert and William de Moyon testify.

Teste:—Ricardo [archidiacono] Pictaviensi, apud Wigorniam.

**No. 391.** Letter of King Henry [II.] addressed to the justices, vicomtes, and all his ministers of l'Hiesmois (*de Reiesmo*) ordering them that the canons of Bruton shall hold their possessions, and especially, the church of Lion, with the tithes and all things thereto pertaining, well and in peace, justly, freely, quietly, and honourably, and that they do full justice to them without delay. and if they do not his justice of Normandy shall do it.

Teste:—Ricardo de Lucy. At Poitiers.

**No. 392.** Letter of king Henry [II.] to the archbishop of Rouen and others, ordering them to protect the possessions of the prior and canons of Bruton in Normandy.

Teste:—Willelmo clericu de camera. At Merleberg.

**No. 393.** Confirmation by William de Moyon, addressed to all his men, French and English, to his canons of Bruton, for the safety of his soul and of all his parents and friends, of the gifts which William de Moyon, his father, made to them of the church of Lion and of the lands which Master Warin and Hubert Dapifer gave to them in Lyon.

His testibus:—Gaufrido de Moyon, Rogero de Evreceio, Riolfo de Hermanvilla, Radulfo de Plumetot, Willelmo de Ponchardon, Ricardo clericu, Osberto Blancagnel, Willelmo de Lyon, Willelmo Benart, Thoma de Behee, Ricardo de Moyon, Roberto filio Ricardi, Henrico Corbet, Henrico de Aule.

**No. 394.** Charter by which William de Moyon grants and confirms to the canons of Bruton whatsoever he had of right in the churches and ecclesiastical benefices of all his land in Normandy and England, before the decease of Thomas, his brother. To wit, the churches of Moyon, Taissy, and Beaucodrai, the chapel of Deodvilla, and the rent of Maisuns which Richard de Moyon held, the churches of Brinkelai and Manthafid, and the chapel of Toteberg.

His testibus:—Roberto filio Ricardo, Matheo de Piñ, Ricardo clericu, Herkenbaldo capellano, Waltero clericu, Willelmo de Locumba, Henrico de Haule, Willelmo Rogero portario.

*C. 1160. No. 395. Confirmation, addressed to Philip, bishop of Bayeux, by  
Rouen. Cal. Vol. i France p174*

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William de Moyon to the canons of Bruton, of the land which Master Warin gave them.

Testibus:—Willelmo filio Durandi, Willelmo Britone, Hugone de Pontecardon, Roberto Bulione, Roberto de Lyon, Simone Britone, Willelmo de Chetenora, Radulfo de Piro, Radulfo de Aniseio, Willelmo Notho, Hugone Norveis, Alexandro de Baldealtona. *et alii multis*

*Ricardo de Lanchester*

No. 396. Grant by William de Moion to the canons of Bruton of the church of Lyon. (Witnesses as in the preceding.)

No. 397. Grant by William de Moyon to the canons of Bruton, of the tithe of his "sepie" and "ewie"<sup>1</sup> at Lyon.

Testibus his:—Godilidi uxore mea et Willelmo filio meo, Roberto Bulion, Simone Britone, Hugone de Pontechardon, Balduino clero.

No. 398. Charter, addressed to Philip, bishop of Bayeux, by which Warin, chaplain of the earl of Gloucester, gives to the canons of Bruton, and to the church of St. Peter, Lyon, his whole land of Lyon, with the assent of Robert, his brother and heir and by the grant of William de Moyon his lord.

Testibus:—Roberto fratre meo et Ansketillo nepote meo.

No. 399. Letter of Robert, bishop of Bath, to Philip, bishop of Bayeux, and the chapter of that place informing them that Richard de Moyon, clerk, in his presence, had acknowledged that whatsoever he had in the church of Lyon and his tithe of Maisuns he had given to the canons of Bruton.

No. 400. Charter of Richard de Moyon, clerk, addressed to Philip, bishop of Bayeux, and all the clergy of the church of Bayeux, informing them that he has given to the canons of Bruton a moiety of the church of Lyon.

Testibus:—Stephano canonico de Tantona et Roberto de Meretona, Johanne et Willelmo sacerdotibus, Willelmo clero et Gaufrido de Kari.

<sup>1</sup> "Sepiarum et ewiarum." This last word may possibly be an error for "vinearum" or "aquarearum."

**No. 401.** Charter of Philip, bishop of Bayeux, by which he grants to the canons of Bruton, the moiety of the church of Lyon which Richard the clerk at one time possessed, and confirms to them the whole of that church.

Teste :—Willelmo decano, Heriberto cantore, Humfrido archicappellano, Thoma archidiacono, Patricio archidiacono, Roberto subdecano, Ricardo succentore, Willelmo custode, et multis aliis canonicis de capitulo Baiocensi.

**No. 402.** Grant by William de Chevreceio to the canons of Bruton, of two acres of his demesne where the chapel of St. James the Apostle is situate at Crisselon, and in the same place two sheaves of the fee of his hauberk (*lorice mee*) in frank almoин.

Testes sunt hujus donationis mee, Rogerus et Radulfus et Robertus milites nepotes mei, Willelmus de Waravilla, Ilbanus de Moyon, Radulfus de Piro, Robertus Flamenc, Fulco, Unfridus, Johannes Rufus.

**No. 403.** Grant by William de Chevre[ce]io to the canons of Bruton and St. Peter of Lyon, of his two mansions of land at Lyon which Samson the priest held of him, and an acre of his demesne at Crisselon.

Testibus :—Radulfo de Plumetot, Sanson Caluz, Alberto presbitero, Osmondo fratre Dionisii.

**No. 404.** Grant by William Cornard, with the assent of Matilda his wife and of his heirs, to the canons of Bruton, of half an acre of his demesne at Crisselon.

Hii testibus :—Willelmo et Roberto capellani, Ricardo de Mevenni, Radulfo clero, Guillelm̄o et Thoma et Ricardo clericis, Philippo de Macheay, Ricardo Blangevini, Ricardo filio Fulconis, Ricardo Bigud, Sansone filio Guillelmi.

**No. 405.** Confirmation by Philip, Bishop of Bayeux, to the canons of Bruton, of two parts of the tithe of Crisselon resigned by William de Cheverci, and of six acres of land which Richard Caluz gave to them when dying.

**No. 406.** Confirmation by Henry, bishop of Bayeux, to the church

of Lion, of the tithes of the demesne of Maisons, which Richard de Moyon acknowledged that he had unjustly detained.

Testibus his :—Ranulfo archicapellano, Henrico precentore, Jocelino, Godardo, capellani, Galfrido sacerdote de Dovra, Thoma clericu.

**No. 407.** Letter of the same bishop ordering that not more than ten shillings shall be demanded from the brethren of Bruton in respect of the church of Lyon towards the episcopal aid every third year.

**No. 408.** Confirmation by the same bishop, of a composition between the canons of Bruton and the priest of Plumetot concerning rent.

In compositione testes interfuerunt Robertus subdecanus, Hunfridus Bos, Thomas archidiaconus, Radulfus avunculus episcopi, Willelmus de Crisetot, Radulfus de Pereriis, Ricardus de Croileio et Ricardus de Ros, canonici, et Gislebertus de Chevreceio qui dominus erat fundi in predicta compositione nominati, etiam Radulfus et Rogerus nepotes Gisleberti et Balduinus clericus et Willelmus de Moyon et Humfridus de Pereis.

**No. 409.** Charter, dated xi kal. June, A.D. 1184, by which William, bishop of Coutances, after reciting that William, son of John had resigned into his hand the right of the church of Magnaville, confers it on the canons of Bruton, with the assent of the said William, son of John.

**No. 410.** Grant by William son of John to the canons of Bruton, of his free chapel of St. Regouefe and his demesne of Sortenville.

Hiis testibus :—Rogero capellano, Johanne capellano, Radulfo sacerdote, Willelmo, Ricardo Brū, Willelmo Cainel, Radulfo clericu, Ricardo filio Johannis, Roberto elemosinario, Gervasio de Sparcheforde.

**No. 411.** Confirmation by William, bishop of Coutances, of the preceding grant by William son of John, of the chapel of St. Regouefe.

Dated at Coutances, A.D. 1193.

**No. 412.** Declaration by the same bishop that he has never granted any right in the chapel of St. Regouefe to Richard de Pol, his archdeacon, or to Master Richard Hairon, his clerk, and that the canons of Bruton are the true patrons.

**No. 413.** Act of Henry, bishop of Bayeux, William, bishop of Coutances, and Bernard, abbot of La Val, delegates by a bull of pope Celestine III., dated ij nones December, in the first year of his pontificate, by which they adjudge and restore to the canons of Bruton the chapel of St. Regouefe, in which Nicholas had represented himself to be parson and Robert had ministered as priest.

**No. 414.** Confirmation by William, bishop of Coutances, of a composition made between Nicholas, parson of the church of St. Peter, Surtenville, and the prior and canons of Bruton, concerning the chapel of St. Regouefe.

Dated at Coutances, A.D. 1200.

**No. 415.** Vivian, bishop of Coutances, settles a dispute between Master Hugh, his archdeacon, and William de Tresgoz, concerning the chapel of St. Regouefe. Hugh abjured the lay right of patronage which he asserted he had, and the bishop, at the presentation of the canons of Bruton, instituted Gervase, a deacon, thereto.

**No. 416.** Grant by William, prior of Bruton, and the convent of the same place, of the order of St. Augustine, to the church of St. Martin, Troarn, of the church of Petriville, in the diocese of Coutances.

**No. 417.** Grant by William, prior of Bruton, to the church of St. Martin, Troarn, of the church of Lion sur mer, in the diocese of Bayeux, and the churches of Moion and Pierreville, in the diocese of Coutances.

**No. 418.** Act of N[icholas] abbot of Valmont, and the prior of Fécamp, deciding a matter in controversy between the canons of Lion and R. de Cantilupo, knight, concerning the restitution of an

annual rent of two marks, which the knight said had been withheld by the canons.

Dated viij kal. September, A.D. 1219.

**No. 419.** Collation of Hervey Briton, clerk, to the church of Moyon, by Hugh, bishop of Coutances, at the presentation of the prior and canons of Bruton,

A.D. 1219.

**No. 420.** Letter of Richard, the prior, and the convent of Bruton, stating that, at the prayer of the bishop of Senlis and Bartholomew de Roia, chamberlain of France, they have collated Hervey Briton, clerk, to the church of Moyon.

**No. 421.** Letter of William de Moyon to Hugh, bishop of Coutances, informing him that he has given the churches of Moyon and Taissy to his canons of Bruton after the decease of Thomas, his brother, and asking him to invest the said canons therewith.

**No. 422.** Confirmation by Hugh, bishop of Coutances, to the prior and convent of Bruton, of the churches of Moyon and Tessey which William [de Moyon] gave to them.

**No. 423.** Confirmation by Hugh, the bishop, and the chapter of Coutances of a charter of William de Moyon (No. 394).

Dated 1 March, A.D. 1221.

**No. 424.** Confirmation by Joan de Pommeria, daughter of H. de Moyon, to the church and canons of Bruton, of the charter of William de Moyon by which he granted to them the tithes of her demesne of Maisuns and of the fee of Moyon.

**No. 425.** Confirmation by Hugh, bishop of Coutances, of an agreement as to the disposition of the fruits of the churches of Taissey, Moyon, and Petriville. Richard, prior of Bruton and his successors shall be canons of the church of Coutances and hold the prebend of the last two churches, that of Taissey being assigned for the benefit of the whole chapter.

Dated A.D. 1222, on the feast of the Annunciation.

No. 426. Grant by Master Thomas de Lion, son of Robert, dated January 1232, of three acres of land in Lion to the canons of Bruton.

No. 427. Letters patent of Robert de Haia, knight, by which he confirms the decision of the papal delegates in a controversy between himself and the convent of Bruton concerning the third sheaf of the tithe of Moyon. The decision was that the convent should give him four hundred and seventy *livres Tournois*, of the charity of their house, and he should give them the said tithe. He also binds himself that if Lucy, daughter of Richard de Vernone, knight, his wife, shall demand dower in the said tithe after his death, his heir shall exchange the said dower in his own fee.

Dated in the month of April, A.D. 1237.

No. 428. Grant by Robert de Haia, knight, to the convent of Bruton, of the third sheaf of the tithe of Moyon for four hundred and seventy *livres Tournois*.

Dated April, A.D. 1237.

No. 429. Confirmation by Hugh, bishop of Coutances, to the prior and convent of Bruton, of the redemption of the tithe of the third sheaf of Moyon, which had been withheld from them by Robert de Haia, knight, and his father.

Dated on Monday next after the Assumption of the Blessed Mary, A.D. 1237.

No. 430. Charter by which Hervey, canon of Coutances, grants to the prior and convent of Bruton his whole manor of Moyon for ever, for twenty-eight *livres Tournois*.

Dated in the month of June in the year of grace, 1254.

No. 431. Mandate of Hervey, canon of Coutances, directed to Roger, the priest of Moyon, and others, to give corporal possession of his manor of Moyon to the prior and convent of Bruton.

Dated on Tuesday next after the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A.D. 1254.

**No. 432.** Letter of John, bishop of Coutances, dated Wednesday after the feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, A.D. 1255, signifying that he did not wish to beget prejudice to the prior and convent of Bruton, whilst they were ascertaining their rights, because he had caused the third sheaf of the tithe of the sheaves of Moyon to be collected into his hand.

**No. 433.** Confirmation by Alan de Avalgor, lord of Moyon, to the prior and convent of Bruton, of all right which they have or say they have in the church of Moyon.

Dated A.D. 1256, on Friday before the feast of SS. Clare and Arnulf the Martyrs.

**No. 434.** Confirmation by King Louis of the charter of Alan de Avalgor, lord of Moyon.

Dated at Paris, August, A.D. 1256.

**No. 435.** Letter of John Grosparmi, clerk, renouncing the controversy which he had set in motion, concerning the church of Moyon, on account of his presentation thereto by Sir Henry de Avalgor, father of Alan de Avalgor, squire, lord of Moyon.

Dated A.D. 1256, on Monday next after the feast of St. Mary Magdalen.

**No. 436.** Charter of John, bishop of Coutances, ordaining that the third sheaf of the parish of Moyon shall remain for ever to the prior and convent of Bruton.

Dated A.D. 1256, on Friday next before the feast of St. Bartholomew the Apostle.

**No. 437.** *Vidimus* and confirmation by King Louis [IX], dated August, A.D. 1261, of the acts of exchange between the abbey of Troarn and the prior and convent of Bruton. The act of the former is dated, August, A.D. 1260, and addressed to King Louis, wherein are set out all their possessions in England, and those of the prior and convent of Bruton in Normandy. That of the latter is dated August, A.D. 1260, and is addressed to all the faithful of Christ, &c., wherein are set out all their possessions in Normandy, and all those of the abbey of Troarn in England.

**No. 438.** Act of exchange of William, prior of Bruton, in 1260 as in the preceding document.

**No. 439.** Confirmation by the chapter of Bayeux of the exchange between the prior and convent of Bruton, and the abbey of Troarn,  
Dated A.D. 1260, on the morrow of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**No. 440.** Confirmation by John, bishop of Coutances, of the exchange between the prior and convent of Bruton and the monastery of Troarn.

Dated A.D. 1260, on Tuesday next before the feast of St. Giles the Abbot.

**No. 441.** Letter of John, bishop of Coutances, to the dean of Wells, committing to him the possessions of the abbey of Troarn, and those of the priory of Bruton in his diocese, viz. at Moyon and Pierreville, and in the diocese of Worcester at Horseley and Wythelei, and in the diocese of Chichester at Rogenton.

Dated A.D. 1260, on the feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian the Martyrs.

**No. 442.** Letter of the same bishop to the dean of St. Lo, ordering him to induct the abbot of Troarn into corporal possession of the church of Moyon.

Dated A.D. 1261, on Saturday before the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**No. 443.** Letter of the same bishop to the chapter of Coutances, ordering them to receive the abbot of Troarn, as a canon and brother on account of the prebend of Coutances vacant by the resignation of the prior of Bruton.

Dated A.D. 1261, on Friday after the Nativity of the Lord.

**No. 444.** Letter of the same bishop to the dean of Puis (*de Podiis*) ordering him to induct the abbot of Troarn into corporal possession of the church of Petriville.

Dated A.D. 1261, on Saturday before the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**No. 445.** Assent of the chapter of Bayeux to the petition of the abbot of Troarn that a vicar should be appointed in the parish of Lyon, who shall have the altarage of the annual value of sixty *livres Tournois*.

Dated A.D. 1262, on Tuesday next after the feast of St. John before the Latin Gate.

**No. 446.** Act of Ralph, bishop of Albano, papal Legate, ordaining that the chapter of Coutances shall have the canonry and prebend in the church of Coutances, which the abbot of Troarn had not allowed them to possess peacefully.

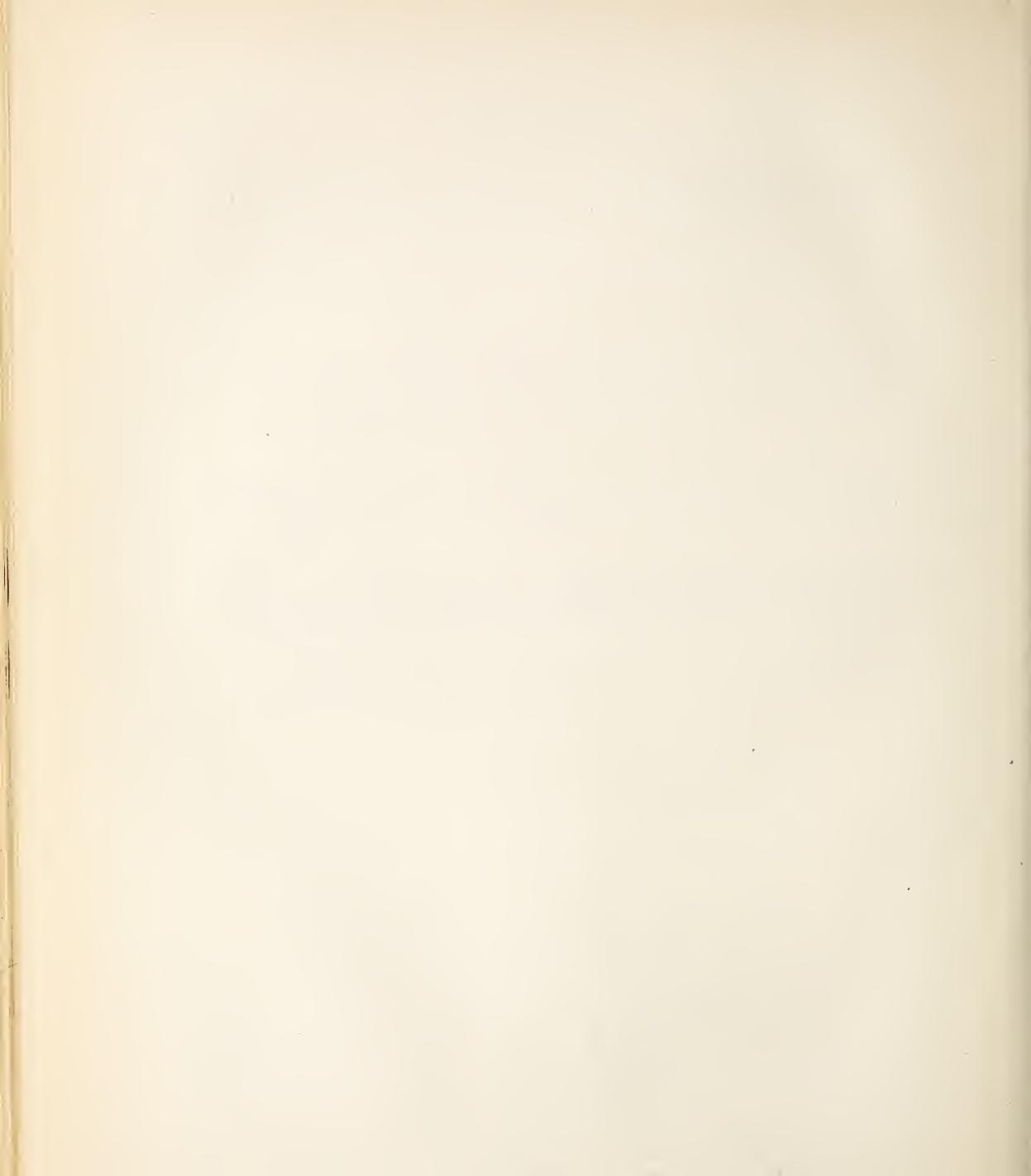
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**No. 447.** Bull of Pope Gregory X, dated Nones of May, in the second year of his pontificate, confirming the ordinance of Ralph, bishop of Albano. (*vide* No. 102.)

**No. 448.** Letter of William, prior of Bruton, and the convent of the same place, appointing brother Stephen, their canon, as their proctor in all causes and matters touching them and their church of Bruton.

Dated on the Octaves of the feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, A.D. 1271.

MONTACUTE CARTULARY.



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*(From MS. at Trinity College, Oxford.)*

No. 1. Charter of William, count of Mortain, our founder, concerning manors, churches, &c. Fol. 1.

William, count of Mortain, grants to the Cluniac monks for the good of his soul, and the souls of his father Robert the count, and his mother, Matilda the countess, the church of St. Peter, near his castle of Montacute, also for their support he gives the borough and its market with the toll, the castle and chapel, with his orchards and vineyard ; also his manor of Biscopestun, the hundred and the mill ; the fair of Hamedone ; the manor, church, hundred, mill, and fair of Tintenelle ; the manor of Criche, with Hamm, Eteneberg and Nigenid and the church and hundred ; the manor and church of Cinnuc ; the church and hundred of Hunesberg and Wrthelay ; the manor, church and mill of Clouesword, and the lands of Melebire, Widecumbe, Ford and Dene-woldesham ; the manor, church, hundred and mill of Modiforde ; the lands of Attebare and Hambre, and the land of 'La Welle' and Thorn ; the manor, church and hundred of Legh and Friseham in Devenesire ; twenty shillings of land in Gersic, Hunecrost and Loverlay ; certain land called Baresfelde, and the church of All Saints, Gersic ; and in Cornwall, the churches of Lerky, Altrenune, Sennet and St. Carentoc, with their lands and tithes, a hamlet called Pennarde ; and the churches of Gerlintune, Brimetune and Odecumb ; two parts of the tithes of Acforde ; the tithes of Cinnuc ; a moiety of the tithes of Ciselberg, Claf-forde and Nortun by Tantone ; the tithes of Mersctun, Cridelincot, Hececumb, Candel, Trop, the three Cernels, Tolre and Hoc, and two parts of the tithes of Bichehulle, Dirwinestun, Pondintun, Lodre and Ciltern. The said monks to hold all the

aforesaid in free possession from the said William and his heirs for ever.

Witnesses:—William, count of Mortain; Alvred the butler (*Pincerna*); William des biars; Ranulf the chaplain; Stephen the chaplain; Hervey Avenel; Richard son of Turald; Reginald de Valletorta; Hamelin de Cornubia; Ansgerius Brito; Britellus de Sancto Claro; William son of Alvred the butler; Jordan de Barnavilla; Payn de Barnavilla; Rodbert de Brus; William Capre; Hugh de Torta Quercu; Gosfred Capre.

Fol. 2. No. 2. Charter of King Henry, son of William the Conqueror, our founder, concerning the aforesaid manors, &c.

King Henry to John, the bishop, and Ailphus the sheriff, greeting. He grants to the priory of Montacute and to the Cluniac monks there, for the souls of his father, King William, and his mother, Queen Matilda, the church of St. Peter, near the castle of Montacute, with the castle itself and its chapel, orchards and vineyard, and the thirteen days fair of Hamedone: the borough of Montacute, and the market with the toll; the manor, mill and hundred of Biscopestone; also the manor, church, mill and hundred of Tintenelle and its thirteen days fair; the manor and church of Criche, Hamm, Eteneberg and Nigheyd with the hundred; the manor of Cynnuc; and the church and hundred of Hunesberg and Wrthelay; the manor, church and mill of Clouesword and the lands of Melebire; the manor, church and mill of Modiforde; the land of Athbare and Hambre; the manor, church and hundred of Legh and Frisham in Devensire; Thorn and the lands of Widecumbe, Ford and Denewoldesham; twenty shillings of land in Gersiche, Hunecroft and Loverlay; the church of Gersiche; the land called Baresfelde and the churches of Gerlintone and Brimetune; in Cornwall the churches of Altrenune, Sennet and St. Carentoc with their lands and tithes; the church of Lerky, and a hamlet (*berevicam*) called Pennarde; two parts of the tithes of Acforde; the tithes of Cinnuc; a moiety of the tithes of Ciselberg, Clafforde, and Nortun by Tantone; the tithes of the demesne of Mersetone, Hececumbe, Candel, Trop, the three Cernels, Tolre, Hoc and Cridelincot; two parts of the tithes of Dirwinestun and Pundintone; the

tithes of Bikehull and Lodre, and two parts of the tithes of the demesne of Ciltern ; with various privileges.

Witnesses :—King Henry ; Robert, count of Mellent ; Robert son of Hamo ; Richard de Redivers ; Ranulf the king's chaplain ; Alvred the butler.

**No. 3.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning the manor, church and hundred of Tyntehulle.

King Henry to William, bishop of Exeter, John, bishop of Bath, and Richard son of Baldwin, the sheriff, granting, for the souls of his father King William, his mother Queen Matilda, and King William II, to the priory of Montacute, and to the Cluniac monks there, the manor of Tintenhell, with the church and hundred, to be held as the count of Mortain formerly held them. Fol. 3.

Witnesses :—King Henry ; Queen Matilda ; Robert, count of Mellant : Richard de Redivers ; Robert son of Hamo ; William de Tancunvilla (*sic*) ; William Albini ; Nigel de Albini.

**No. 4.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning manors, churches, lands, rents, &c.

King Henry to William, bishop of Exeter, John, bishop of Bath, and Richard son of Baldwin, the sheriff, granting to the priory of Montacute and the Cluniac monks there, the church of St. Peter near the castle of Montacute, with the borough and market ; the toll and fair of Hamedone, with the castle and chapel ; the manor, mill and hundred of Biscopestone ; the manor, church, fair and hundred of Tintenell ; the manor and church of Criche, Hamm, Eteneberg ; and the hundred, the manor and church of Cloueswrd ; the manor and church of Cynnoc ; the hundred of Hunesberg, Modiforde and Thorn ; twenty shillings of land in Gersic, Hunecroft and Loverlay ; the church of Gersich ; the lands of Melebiri and Widecumb, Ford and Denewoldesham, the hundred and church of Legh and Friseham ; and in Cornwall, the churches of Altrenune, Senniet and St. Carentoc, with their lands and tithes, the church of Lerky, and a hamlet called Pennarde ; two parts of the tithes of Acforde ; the tithe of Cinnoc, and a moiety of the tithes of Ciselberg, Clafforde, and Nortone by Tantone ; the tithes of the demesne of Merscetone ; the churches of Gerlingatune and Brimetune ; two parts of the tithes of the

lordship of Cilterne Fageth and of Bikehelle, Dirwinestune, Pondintone and Lodre, together with the whole tithe of the demesne of Hececumbe.

Fol. 6. No. 5. Charter of King Stephen, nephew of the aforesaid Henry concerning the grants of William, count of Mortain, of his men and others.

King Stephen to the bishop of Bath, the bishop of Exeter, the sheriffs and bailiffs, &c., of Somerset, Devonshire, Dorset, Cornwall and Hampshire, confirming the grants of William, count of Mortain and his men to the Cluniac monks, namely, the church of St. Peter near his castle of Montacute, and the land which the same count gave from his manor of Biscopeston, with the borough and market of the same place: also the manor of Clowesword; the manor of Criche with Hamm and Eteneberg; the manor of Cinnoc and Mudiforde and Thorne, and the church of Gersic and twenty shillings of land in Gersic, Hunecroft and Luverlay, and the land called Baresfeld; the lands called Warneford and Dydeline, and those called Meleberi and Widecumb; the lands called Forde with Denewoldesham, Legh, Fridesham, Nigahyde and Culun, and ten shillings of land in Colintone the manor of Tintenell; the church of St. Neots, its lands and tithes; the church of Altrenun, the church of St. Carentoc, the church of Brimeton, the church of Tintenell, the church of Gerlingstun, the church of Lerchi, and the hamlet of Pennard; two parts of the tithes of Acford; the tithe of Cinnoc; a moiety of the tithes of Ciselberg; and the tithes of Clatford, Nortun, Merscetune, Candel, Trop, the three Cernels, Tolre, Hoc, Puntintun, Lodre, Dyrwinestun, Bichehelle and Hetsecumb.

Witnesses:—Henry, bishop of Winchester; Roger, bishop of Sarum; Robert de Vere; Milo de Gloece[stre]; Payn son of John: Hugh Bigot. At Reading. By a charter of King Henry.

No. 6. Charter of King Stephen granting and confirming the gifts of King Henry, Earl William and his men, and others.

King Stephen to the bishops of Bath and Exeter, and to all the justices, barons, &c., of Somerset, Devonshire, Dorset, Cornwall and Hampshire, and to all his subjects in England and Normandy, confirming, to the church and monks of Montacute, all grants made by King Henry, William, count of Mortain and

his men, and other barons of England and Normandy. They are to hold all their manors, houses, lands, &c., in full and free possession, quit of the usual taxes; to hold the thirteen days fairs of Tintenhulle and Hamedone; the hundred of Montacute and the market with toll; the hundreds of Tintenell, Hunesberg and Criche, and the hundred of Legh and Friseham in Devenescire, as William, count of Mortain, held them; also all other liberties, customs and immunities in woodland and plain, in fields and pastures, in roads and paths, fairs and markets, waters and mills, lakes, preserves and fisheries, both within and without the borough.

Witnesses:—Henry, bishop of Winchester; Roger, bishop of Sarum; Robert de Ver; Richard the chancellor; Milo de Gloece[stre]; Payn son of John; Hugh Bigot. At Exeter.

**No. 7.** Charter of King Stephen giving free possession of the grants which Earl William and King Henry gave and confirmed.

King Stephen to Henry, bishop of Winchester, Robert, bishop of Bath, Sigefrid, bishop of Chichester, Robert, bishop of Exeter, and the justices, sheriffs and bailiffs in whose districts the church of St. Peter of Montacute has lands. The prior and monks of Montacute are to hold their lands, churches, tithes and tencments as William, count of Mortain, and other barons granted them and as King Henry by his charter and I by mine have confirmed them. Should any one have robbed or defrauded them, ye are to do them full justice, that I may hear no complaint of your want of justice, and ye are to maintain them in their rights.

Witnesses:—Ing[elram] de Sai, and Richard the chamberlain. At Crucham.

**No. 8.** Charter of King Henry the second, concerning the granting and confirmation of the gifts of King Henry the first, of his uncle, and of William, count of Mortain, of manors, churches, hundreds, fairs and other liberties.

Henry King of England, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, and Count of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, &c., in France, England and Normandy, granting and confirming to the church of St. Peter and St. Paul of Montacute and the Cluniac monks there all the grants which

his grandfather King Henry, and William, count of Mortain, and his men, and other English and Norman barons have made or shall hereafter make to the said church. Namely, the church of St. Peter and St. Paul of Montacute, the castle and its chapel; the borough and market with toll; the manor, mill and hundred of Bissopestone; the thirteen days fairs of Hamedone and Tintenelle; the manor, church and hundred of Tintenelle; the manor of Crich with Hamm and Etheneberg and Nyghehid and the church and hundred; the manor of Chinnuc, and the church and hundred of Hunesberg; also the manor, church and mill of Cloueswrde; the manor, church and mill of Modiforde; the land of Athebare with the grove and the land of Hambre; Thorn and the lands of Melebiri, Widecumbe, Forde, Denewoldesham and Theyntone; also the manor, church and hundred of Legh and Frisemham in Devenesire; Colum and ten shillings of the land of Culintone; the land of Ghillingeham which is called Hamme; the land of Bruges near Waymoe with its men and their children; twenty shillings of land in Gersiche, Hunecroft and Loverlai, and Boresfeu[d] and the church of All Saints Gersiche; twenty shillings of the land of Cari and one virgate of land in Stoche and land in Estoket; the lands of Warneforde, Melecum, la Welle, Prestone, Sanforde, Cokre and Corf: the mill below Cadebire with the land adjoining; the mill of Erlestoke with land adjoining; five shillings yearly rent from the mill of Estinton; the houses of Waram free of all secular service; the churches of Odecumbe and Brimetone; a moiety of the church of Acforde of Robert Eskylling; the churches of Melebire and Wermewell: and in Cornwall St. Carroc, the churches of Altermone, St. Neot's, St. Karentoc, the church of Lerchi, and Pennarde: all the tithes of the demesne of Acforde of Alvred de Lincoln; two parts of the tithes of the demesne of the other Acforde; the tithes of Chynnuc; a moiety of the tithes of Ciselberg; the tithes of the demesne of Clafforde, of Nortone by Tantone, Merscetone, Bichehulle, Candel, Cridelincote, Thorp, Cernel, Tholre, the other Cernel, and two parts of the tithes of Dirwinestone, of Pondintune, and two parts of the tithes of the demesne of Cilterne Faghet, and all the tithes of the demesne of Hececumbe.

Witnesses:—T[heobald] archbishop of Canterbury: H[enry] bishop of Winchester; Philip, bishop of Bayeux: Arn[ulf]

bishop of Lisieux ; Richard, bishop of London ; Joceline, bishop of Sarum ; Robert, bishop of Bath ; Gilbert, bishop of Hereford ; William, earl of Gloucester ; Richard, earl of Leicester ; Warin son of Gerold, chamberlain ; Manasser Biset, steward ; William son of Hamo ; Jocelin de Baillolio. At Westminster.

**No. 9.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning the confirmation of the grants which his grandfather the said Henry and William, count of Mortain, and other barons made to us.

Henry King of England, Duke of Normandy and Aquitaine, <sup>Fol. 9.</sup> Count of Anjou, to the archbishops, bishops, abbots, earls, barons, justices, sheriffs, &c., in France, England and Normandy, confirming to the church and brethren of Montacute, all those grants which his grandfather King Henry, William, count of Mortain, and his men, and other barons of England and Normandy made to them. Of the gift of the aforesaid count William, the manor and church of Biscopestone, the chapel of the castle, the borough and market, the mill and whatsoever he had in demesne ; the manor and church of Tintenelle ; the manor of Criche with Hamm and Etheneberg and the church ; the manor and church of Cinnoc : Cloueswrd and the church ; the mill of Mudisforde ; twenty shillings of land in Gersic, Hunescroft and Loverlai, and the church of Gersich. In Cornwall, the church of Alternon, the church of St. Neot's and the church of St. Karentoc.

Bretellus de Sancto Claro gave one hide in Biscopeston ; Richard son of Drogo half a hide and Thorne after his death ; Robert and William, his knights, half a hide ; and the same Richard and Osbert his chaplain the church of Gerlinton. Alvred the butler gave Melebiri, Widecumbe, the lands called Forde and Denewoldesham, Legh and Frisemham, the church of Lerki, and Pennard, two parts of the tithes of Acforde, the tithe of Chinnoc, a moiety of the tithes of Chiselberge, of Clatforde and of Nortone, and half a hide which was Sibert's.

Ranulf the chancellor gave Thorne and the tithes of Mersctone, Candel, Trop, the three Cernels, Tolre, Hoch, and Cridelincote. William de Lestra gave the land of Baresfelt, and two parts of the tithes of Dirwinestone and of Puthintone, and the tithe of Bichehelle and Lodre. Jordan de Barnevilla [gave] La

Gare at Stoke; Robert de Bello Campo, Nighehyde; William son of Rogo, Colum and ten shillings of the land of Culintone; Nicholas Arbalista, twenty shillings of the land of Kari; Humphrey Judas, one virgate of land in Stoke; Osbert de Foxcote, the tithes of Hatsecumbe; Robert de la Haye, the land of Dideling; Henry de Port, the land of Warneforde; Geoffrey the count's chaplain, the church of Brimetune; Gerard and Baldric, the church of Melebiri; Robert son of Scilling, a moiety of the church of Acforde; Alvred de Lincolne and Robert his son, the land of Gyllingeham and the land of Brugi; Ralph Luvel, the land of Etheberg; Matilda Peverel, the land of Sanford; Robert, count of Mellent, the houses of Warham; Robert Hundret, a house and land of London; Hugh Maltravers, the land of Prestone. The church and monks of Montacute are to hold all the aforesaid possessions just as William, count of Mortain, held them in the time of my grandfather King Henry, as his charters testify.

Witnesses:—T[heobald] archbishop of Canterbury; H[enry] bishop of Winchester; Philip, bishop of Bayeux; Arnulf, bishop of Lisieux; Richard, bishop of London; Jocelin, bishop of Sarum; Robert, bishop of Bath; Gilbert, bishop of Hereford; William, earl of Gloucester; Richard, earl of Leicester; Warin son of Gerold, chamberlain; Manasser Biset, steward; William son of Hamo; Jocelin de Baillolio. At Westminster.

**No. 10.** Charter of the said King Henry, concerning the confirmation of grants which his said grandfather Henry, and William, count of Mortain, and other barons made to us.

Fol. 10.

Henry, King of England, &c., confirms to the church and monks of Montacute all the grants which his grandfather King Henry, William, count of Mortain, and his men, and other English and Norman barons have made or shall hereafter make. They are to hold freely and securely for ever, quit of all charges and services, all their manors, houses, lands, tenements, rents, churches and tithes, and their thirteen day fairs of Hamedone and Tintenhulle with stallage and toll and other profits, the borough of Montacute and its market with toll; also to hold their hundreds of Montacute, Tintenelle, Hunesberg, Criche, Legh, Frischeman

and Forde in Devenescyre, as freely as the king holds his own hundreds.

Witnesses:—G[ilbert] bishop of London, R[eginald] bishop of Bath, B[artholomew] bishop of Exeter; W[illiam] earl of Gloucester, Hugh de Creissi, Randal[olph] de Glanv[illa], Master Hugh de Gaherst. At Windsores.

**No. 11.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning the grant of the gifts, which his barons and men have previously made, here expressly named.

Henry, King of England, &c., grants and confirms to his church and monks of Montacute all the gifts which his barons and men of England and Normandy have reasonably made to them. Namely:—of the gift of William, count of Mortain, the market of Montacute and its tolls; of the gift of Avenantus, two dwelling-houses in Meleborn; of the gift of Robert de Pirou, the land of Cantoc; of the gift of Winebaldus de Baalone, the mill of Cadebiri with the man and the land belonging thereto, and the church of Karion; of the gift of Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*), the land of Cochra; of the gift of Nicholas Arbalista, twenty shillings of land and his own land of Brugi; of the gift of William son of Rogo, one virgate of land at Colum; of the gift of Robert son of Martin, the land of Thihentone. The aforesaid church and monks of Montacute to Fol. 11. hold all the aforesaid with all the liberties and free customs appertaining to the same lands and tenements.

Witnesses:—Philip, bishop of Bayeux; Rostrodes, bishop of Evreux; Arnulf, bishop of Lisieux; Richard de Laci; Warin son of Gerold, chamberlain; Manassier Biset, steward; Robert de Dunestanville and Richard de Campville. At Baugi.

**No. 12.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning the confirmation of the gifts and liberties which his grandfather Henry, William, count of Mortain, and other barons, have made to us.

Henry, King of England, &c., grants and confirms to the church of St. Peter of Montacute all the gifts which his grandfather King Henry, William, count of Mortain, and his men, and other barons of England and Normandy made to the

aforesaid church; and they are to hold their lands, rents, churches, tithes, and all their possessions, freely and securely, quit of certain specified charges and services.

Witnesses:—R[obert], bishop of Lincoln; Philip, bishop of Bayeux; Manasser Biset, steward; War[in] son of Ger[old], chamberlain; William son of Hamon; R[obert] de Dunst[anville], Joc[elin] de Baillol. At Northampton, in council.

**No. 13.** Charter of John, count of Mortain, concerning the confirmation of all the gifts, which his ancestors Kings, Earls and Barons have made to us, here expressly named.

John, count of Mortain, to all his men and friends, French and English, present and future, granting and confirming to the church and monks of Montacute all the gifts and possessions which his ancestors, kings or earls, or their men have conferred on the same church, namely:—the manor of Bissopestone with the hamlet of Widecumbe; the borough of Montacute and its market with toll; the fair of Hamedone; a park near Montacute which he gave them himself; the manor of Tintenelle with its fair; the town of Cloueswrd, Mudiforde, Cinnoc and Criche; the churches of Gersiche, Mudiforde and Odecumbe; a moiety of the church of Acforde Eschellinch; the churches of St. Karentoc, St. Neots and Lerki; the priories of Karswelle, Holn, Malpase, and St. Carroc, with all the possessions of the said priories in the time of his father King Henry; of the gift of William 'Hostiarius,' three messuages in Hunestille; of the gift of Simon de Hilecumbe, half a virgate of land in Sowi, with a messuage and two shillings rent in Cippesleg; of the gift of Simon de Vautort, one virgate of land in Babecari, and two shillings from the tenement of Robert de Cari; of the gift of Robert son of William, the land of Stanhill with the man, and five shillings in the mill of Estinton; of the gift of Robert de Piro, the land of Melecumb.

Witnesses:—Stephen Ridel, my chancellor; Ingelram de Pratellis, Theobald Walter, William de Montacute, Walter de Cantelo and Fulk his brother. At Ilchester.

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**No. 14.** Charter of the said count John concerning the confirmation

of all the lands, rents, &c., which his ancestors, kings, earls, and other barons have given to us.

John, count of Mortain, to all his men and friends French and English, granting and confirming to the church and monastery of Montacute and the Cluniac monks there all the lands, rents, property and possessions which have reasonably been given to them by his ancestors, whether kings or earls, and their men. The same monks are to hold all their tenements freely and securely, quit of all charges and services; and they are to have Soc and Sac and Tol and Them and Infangthef and all other liberties, "excepta sola justicia mortis et membrorum."

Witnesses:—Ingelram de Pratellis, Theobald Walter, Ralph de Hamarz, William de Montacute, Robert Belet, Walter de Cantelo, Fulk his brother, and many others. In the third year of King Richard [1191–92]. At Dorchester.

**No. 15.** Charter of the said count John concerning the grant gift *Fol. 13.* and confirmation of a park near Mountagu.

John, count of Mortain, grants to the monastery of Montacute and the Cluniac monks there a park near Montagu, to be held by them on the same free terms as he or his ancestors held it.

Witnesses:—Ingelram de Pratellis; Theobald Walter; Ralph de Haumarz; Walter de Cantelo; Fulk his brother; Simon de Marisco; Robert Belet; William Chauvelle; and many others. At Dorchester, in the third year of the reign of King Richard, on the Feast of St. John ante Portam Latinam. [6 May, 1192.]

**No. 16.** Charter of the said John, then king, concerning the confirmation of a park near Montacute.

John, King of England, &c., grants and confirms to the monastery of Montacute and the Cluniac monks there "pro salute" &c., a park near Montacute, to be held as he or his ancestors held it, as his charter which he gave them when he was count of Mortain reasonably testifies.

Witnesses:—R[oger], bishop of St. Andrews; William, earl of Arundel; Hugh de Gornaco; William de Rupibus; Walter

son of Godfrey; William de Cantilupo. Given under the hands of S[imon], archdeacon of Wells and John de Gray, at Le Mans, 30th September in the first year of our reign.

Fol. 14. No. 17. The Great Charter of King John, 15th June, 1215.

Fol. 18,19. No. 18. The third charter of King Henry III. 11th February, 1236.

Fol. 22. No. 19. Charter of the said King Henry concerning the inspection of a charter which Henry the elder formerly King of England granted to us, as it is written in the third leaf at the beginning of this book.

*Insperimus* by Henry [II], of a charter which Henry the elder sometime King of England granted to the Cluniac monks of Montacute (being No. 3 above).

*Insperimus* also of another charter of the aforesaid Henry the elder granted to the church of Montacute (being No. 2 above).

No. 20. Charter of King Henry concerning the inspection [of a charter] which Henry the elder granted to us, as set out in the seventh leaf of this book.

*Insperimus* by Henry [III] of a charter which King Henry his grandfather granted to the church of Montacute in these words (being No. 8 above).

Given by the hand of Ralph, bishop of Chichester, the chancellor, at Windsor, on the ninth of September, in the eleventh year of the reign. [1227.]

Fol. 23. No. 21. Charter of King Henry concerning the inspection [of a charter] which Henry, his grandfather, granted to us, as set out in the eleventh leaf of this book.

*Insperimus* by Henry [III], of a charter which Henry, his grandfather, granted to the church of Montacute (being No. 12 above).

Westminster, twenty-eighth February, in the fifty-fourth year of the reign. [1260.]

**No. 22.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning the grant and confirmation of the fair of St. Michael on the day after the Translation of St. Edward.

Henry, King of England, &c., grants and confirms, to Mark, prior of Montacute, that he and his successors shall hold a fair at their chapel of St. Michael of Montacute to last every year for three days, that is on the eve, the day, and the morrow of the Translation of St. Edward, which is fifteen days after St. Michael's day; unless that fair shall be to the detriment of neighbouring fairs.

Witnesses:—W[alter], bishop of Worcester; R[oger], bishop of Chester; R[ichard], earl of Cornwall, our brother; R[oger] le Bygod, earl of Norfolk; Peter de Sabaud[ia]; Ralph son of Nicholas; Paulin Peyure; Richard de Clifford; Robert Waler-aundi; Ralph de Wauncy.

Woodstock, twentieth August, in the thirtieth year of the reign.  
[1246.]

**No. 23.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning warren in all the lands of the manors of Montacute.

Henry, King of England, &c., grants and confirms to the prior and convent of Montacute that they and their successors shall have free warren in all the demesnes and lands of their manors of Montacute, Cynnoke, Tyntehulle, Cloueswrthe, Criche, Modiford, and Tuthington, in the county of Somerset, provided that such lands are not within the boundaries of the King's forest, so that any one who may enter those lands to hunt or take anything appertaining to warren without licence and permission from the prior and convent or their successors shall be liable to forfeit to the King ten pounds.

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Witnesses:—W[illiam], bishop of Sarum; Gilbert de Segrave; Master William de Kylkenny, archdeacon of Coventry; Master Simon de Wautone; John de Lessintone; Gilbert de Prestone; Robert Walerand; Bartholomew Pecche; Williani de Chaeny; Walter de Thurkilby; Ralph de Bakepuce; Imbert Pugeys; and others.

Reading, sixth November, in the thirty-seventh year of the reign. [1252.]

**No. 24.** Charter of the said King Henry concerning a market to be held on Tuesdays at Criche.

Henry, King of England, &c., grants and confirms to the prior and convent of Montacute, and their successors for ever, a market to be held on Tuesday in every week at their manor of Criche in the county of Somerset; also a fair at the same place every year lasting for three days, namely, the eve, the day and the Morrow of St. Augustine's day in May, unless that market and fair shall be to the detriment of neighbouring markets and fairs.

Witnesses:—Henry de Almain, our nephew; Robert Walerand; Robert de Briwes; William Belet; Ralph de Bakepuz; Geoffrey de Percy; William de Faukeham; Gilbert son of Hugh; Bartholomew le Bygod.

Westminster, tenth February, in the fifty-third year of the reign. [1269.]

**No. 25.** Charter of inspection of King Edward, son of the aforesaid King Henry, concerning the gifts which King Henry, the elder, made to us, as set out in the third leaf of this book.

*Insperimus* by Edward, King of England, &c., of a charter which his predecessor, King Henry, the elder, granted to the church and monks of Montacute concerning a tenement and the liberties below written (being No. 3 above).

**No. 26.** Inspection of the said Edward concerning the grants, gifts, and confirmations of lands, tenements, churches, tithes, &c., which the aforesaid Henry, his predecessor, made to us.

*Insperimus* [by Edward, King of England], of a charter of gift, grant, and confirmation, which the same Henry, his predecessor, made to the church and monks of Montacute concerning lands, tenements, churches, tithes and liberties (being No. 2 above).

Fol. 25. **No. 27.** Inspection of the same Edward concerning the gift, grant and confirmation of the aforesaid Henry, his great-grandfather, of lands, tenements, churches, tithes and liberties, as set out before in the seventh leaf of this book.

*Insperimus* [by Edward I], of a charter of the grant and confirmation which the said Henry, King of England, his great-grandfather, made to the aforesaid church and monks of Montacute, concerning lands, tenements, churches, tithes and liberties (being No. 8 above).

**No. 28.** Inspection of the same Edward concerning the grant and confirmation of Henry, his great-grandfather, which Henry himself, and Henry the first, his grandfather, and William, count of Mortain, made to us; all which the said Edward has granted and confirmed in such manner as the charters of the donors more fully testify.

*Insperimus* also [by Edward I], of a charter of his great-grandfather, the aforesaid Henry, to the church and monks of Montacute, concerning lands, tenements, churches, tithes and liberties (being No. 10 above).

**No. 29.** Ratification, grant and confirmation, of the aforesaid Edward concerning all the gifts, grants and confirmations, of his own progenitors and others.

[Edward, King of England] moreover grants and confirms, to the said monastery and monks and their successors the aforesaid gifts, grants and confirmations, concerning lands, tenements, churches, tithes and liberties, which the said monks and their predecessors have hitherto reasonably enjoyed as the charters of the aforesaid donors truly and sufficiently testify.

Witnesses:—R[obert], bishop of Bath and Wells; William de Valencia, our uncle; Gilbert de Clare, earl of Gloucester and Hereford; John de Warren, earl of Surrey; Roger le Bygod, earl of Norfolk, and marshal of England; Richard de Burgh, earl of Ulster; Oto de Grandison; Robert son of John; Guncelin de Badlesmere; Thomas de Weyland; Peter de Chaumpvent; and others.

Westminster, twenty-seventh June, in the thirtieth year of the reign. [1302.]

**No. 30.** Charter of King Edward concerning a licence to have and hold the advowson of the church of Odecumbe, with the glebe and land of Thomas Martyn (*sic*) in Cynnoc.

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Letters patent of King Edward granting licence to the prior and convent of Montacute, on payment of a fine into the Exchequer, to acquire in mortmain—from Thomas Coker ten shillings rent in Estchinnoke—from Matilda, who was the wife of Roger de Mortuo mari two acres of land in Odecumbe, and the advowson of two parts of the church of the same town—and from John de Hastings and William de la Zusche the advowson of a third part of the said church; saving, however, to the chief lords of that fee the services due and customary.

Morpath, twenty-third February, in the thirtieth year of the reign. [1302.]

**No. 31.** Extracts from Domesday Book.

1. 27. **No. 32.** Charter of the gift of Hugh Mautravers concerning land near Prestetune.

Hugh Mautravers grants to the church and brethren of Montacute his land near Prestetune which Alwi Croinge holds by Suthbroke, free from all service except the royal service.

Witnesses:—Herbert the chaplain; Osbert the chaplain; Godfrey the chaplain; Eustace de Bello campo; William son of Alwred; Robert Faget; William the porter.

**No. 33.** Charter of John Maltravers concerning the remission and quit-claim of land at Prestetune, with grant and confirmation of the same.

John Maltravers of Gunle, quit-claims to the church and monks of Montacute, all right, claim and service which he holds in the land of Prestone which is called Bysuthebroke, which Hugh Maltravers gave to the said church.

Witnesses:—Sir William Everard; Sir Thomas Trevet; Robert de Sancto Claro; Richard Landrense; Master Peter de la Lade; Master Salomon de Gunle; William de la Lade; Ralph de Tantone; Hamund de Enebaud; Gregory de Gunle; Stephen de Criche; William de Hewenebare; William de Britevile.

Dated in the year 1262.

No. 34. Charter of Alvred de Holne concerning two shillings of his land in Gevele.

Alvred de Holne grants to the church and monks of Montacute two shillings from his land in Gevele, to be received annually at two periods of the year, namely at the feast of St. Michael twelve pence, and at Easter twelve pence.

Witnesses:—Robert, the chaplain of Montacute; Robert de Heuweneber; Alan de Colle; William de la Broc; William Harme; John Gaillard.

No. 35. Charter of Richard de Say concerning the gift, grant and confirmation of a messuage [and] curtilage in Gevele with four acres and a half of land.

Richard de Say grants to the prior and monks of Montacute one messuage with a curtilage in Givele, which Robert Gurlene held in the corner of two roads, leading the one to the east, and the other to the north, below the grantor's court; also four acres and a half of land, one and a half, namely, in the tilled land which is called La Meline towards the west, next to the land of William English (*Anglicus*), also one acre and a half beyond the land which is called la Coppedehulle in his demesne nearer to the north, also one acre and a half beyond Suthedereseteling near the land of Robert la Bere. To be held freely, nothing being reserved, except prayers for and keeping the anniversary of the lady Lucy, the grantor's mother, on the day of her death, and also that they shall make him and his wife, his parents, predecessors and successors partakers in their prayers, for which his brother, Sir Gilbert, had previously given them three ambers of corn to be received yearly from his granary, the charter of which, effected by his said brother Gilbert, the aforesaid monks Fol. 28. have returned to Richard de Say, on receipt of his present charter.

Witnesses:—Sirs Robert de Mandeville, Roger de Gouiz, Jordan Oliver, Ralph de Kaldeway, Thomas de Reigne, knights; Robert de Dilingtone, then steward of Montacute; Henry de Herbert; Richard de Tintehulle, clerk; Luke de Tintehulle, then servant. “And many other freemen being present at this agreement, I have granted also that the persons dwelling in the aforesaid

lands may have their cattle in the fallow-land as my own men do, and may have free entrance and exit through all cultivated lands wherever my own free men and villeins have."

**No. 36.** Charter of Lucy de Arderne concerning the gift of one ferling of land in Gevele, together with William Cote and all his issue.

Lucy de Arderne in her lawful widowhood, grants to the church and monks of Montacute one ferling of land in Gevele, namely, that which William Cote held of her, together with the said William and all his issue, to make one pittance for the convent of the same place every year on the anniversary of Richard de Saye, her brother, so long as she lives, and after her death such pittance shall be made every year on her anniversary.

Witnesses:—Richard de Cantelupe; John de Marisco; Richard de Penne; Robert de Aula; William de la Broke; John Bernard; James de Prestone.

**No. 37.** Charter of Baldwyn, earl of Exeter, concerning the gift of the sluice of the mill of Clouesworth.

Baldwyn, earl of Exeter, gives to the monks of the church of Montacute, a sluice for a mill in Clowesword, free from all customs and dues, namely, between the land of William Calvelh of Suhtun and Heille bridge.

Witnesses:—Geoffrey the clerk; Hubert de Vall[ibus]; Geofrey de Furn[ellis]; Jordan de Lestre.

**No. 38.** Charter of William Calvel concerning the gift, grant, and quit-claim of the sluice of Clouesworthe.

William Calvel grants to the church and monks of Montacute their sluice of Cloweswrd, which is fixed on his land of Sutton; and should it happen that the said sluice be broken by flood or otherwise, the said monks may repair it without any dispute in the place in which it had previously been erected, provided that they [do not] take from his soil with which to repair it without his consent. Moreover, that he might secure and confirm the

aforsaid grant, G[uy], prior of the said church with the consent of his brethren has given him one mark. This gift and grant has been truely examined and presented before the King's justices at Ilchester, namely before Richard, bishop of Winchester, R[ichard] the King's treasurer, R[obert] de Witefeld and N[icholas] son of Turold, at the time when Robert de Bello Campo was sheriff for the second time. Fol. 29.

Witnesses:—Hugh de Say; Richard de Etebera; Terric son of William; Geoffrey de Mandavilla; Jordan de Etebera; William de Alneto; Richard, my brother; Hugh de Odecumba; William de Quorndona; Robert de Hetsecumba; Gerold de Cokre.

**No. 39.** Charter of Robert de Mandevile concerning the grant and confirmation of the land of Cokre which Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*) held and afterwards gave to us.

Robert de Mandevilla grants to the church of Montacute the land which Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*) used to hold in Cokre, which the same Edward gave to the aforesaid church. He grants and confirms also for himself and his heirs that the same land shall be free and quit of all secular service and custom, and of all taxes, fines, and gifts belonging to him or his heirs. He also confirms to the said church of Montacute three shillings which Geöffrey son of Gerold de Cokre, gave from his land of la Forda, as a charter of the same Geoffrey testifies.

Witnesses:—Robert dean of Cinnoc, Osbert, chaplain of Stoke; Simon? clerk of Cinnoc; Nicholas de Merieht, knight; William de Dunmere; Oliver Aulnel; William Flandr[ensis]; Robert de Heunebere; Geoffrey de Cinnoc; Richard, his son; Robert, the prior's nephew; Herbert de Widecumbe; William Harm; John de Aula.

**No. 40.** Charter of Geoffrey, son of the aforesaid Robert de Mandevile, concerning the gift, grant and confirmation of the said land of Cokre which Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*) held and afterwards gave to us.

Geoffrey, son of Robert de Mandavilla, grants to the church of Montacute the land which Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*) held in Cocra and which, with the said Geoffrey's permission, he gave to

the aforesaid church : the same land to be free and quit for ever of all services and taxes which belong to me.

Witnesses :—Roger de Mandavilla ; Herbert de Pin ; Ivo de Nichole ; Roger de Grainvilla ; Simon de Hetcecumba ; Herbert de Monasteriis ; William, knight of Cocra ; Richard de Grucci ; Martin de Mandavilla, my brother ; Master Arnold ; David the priest ; Gerold, brother of Arnold.

No. 41. Charter of the aforesaid Geoffrey concerning the release and quit-claim relating to suit of all kinds of the prior of Montacute and his men of Clouesworthe at the hundred of Cokre.

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Geoffrey de Mandeville releases and confirms to the church and monks of Montacute suit of all kinds which the prior of Montacute and the men of the house of Montacute owe on account of the manor of Cloueswrde at the hundred of Coker ; that is, both the suit of the said prior and of the free men as well as of all other men of the said manor of Cloueswrde, preserving to the said Geoffrey and his heirs the suit of any free men there may be in the said manor of Cloueswrde at the hundred of Koker to plead the king's writ, and to judge robbers caught in the hundred of Koker, excepting the manor of Cloueswrde, by reasonable summons of the bailiffs of the hundred of Koker. And if at any time there shall not be free men in the said manor of Cloueswrde, suit shall be exacted from the land which free men formerly held, according to the manner of some former suit if there has ever been a former suit there. So that neither the said Geoffrey nor his heirs can ever claim suit from the prior of Montacute or from his free men or servants of the manor of Cloueswrde at the hundred of Koker, except from free men and then only in the aforesaid cases. And the said Geoffrey and his heirs are to have no right of entry in the manor of Cloueswrde, except to summon free men of the said manor to the hundred of Koker in the aforementioned cases, namely to plead the king's writ and to judge robbers taken in the hundred of Koker, excepting the manor of Cloueswrde ; and also for the purpose of making a summons or distress in the same manor by command of the king or the sheriff. Also he grants that the said house of Montacute shall have, in their manor of Cloueswrde without hindrance, all liberties and free customs appertaining to a free manor, except

that the men of the said manor of Cloueswrde shall make suit with the hundred of Koker before the king's justices when on circuit.

Witnesses:—Robert de Sancto Claro; Richard de Cantelupe; William his son; John Pycot; William de Dunmere; William Fossarde; William de Hewenebere; William de la Broke; Geoffrey de Hewenebere.

**No. 42.** Charter of the said Geoffrey concerning the division and gift of one virgate of land called ad Hach in the manor of Hardintone.

Geoffrey de Mandeville and Mary his wife, with the consent of their sons William and Thomas, confirm to the church of Montacute one virgate of land, which Robert de Mandeville, and their son and the heir of Geoffrey, when dying, divided and gave to the said church of Montacute, free from all secular service in his manor of Herdintone, which manor Geoffrey had given to him before the betrothal of Agnes his wife, namely that virgate which is called Adhach, and which Osmund and Humphrey hold. And of the gift of the aforesaid Robert his son, there are witnesses with Geoffrey, Mary his wife, Reginald the chaplain, John the deacon, Robert the clerk, Walter de Gruci, Alan de Hewenebere. “But should it so happen that I cannot guarantee the aforesaid virgate of land, I have agreed with them, together with William my son and heir, that within a year of the time when my son Robert was buried in the chapel of Montacute, I will give them a virgate of my own land to the value of the aforesaid virgate.”

Witnesses:—William Muleburne; William son of William; Thomas de Merieth; Ansger de Nuderstoke; John de Sancto Johanne; Gerold de Cocra; Geoffrey his son; William son of Roger de Cocra; Walter de Montacute.

**No. 43.** Charter of Sir John de Mandevile, son of John de Mandevile, concerning the grant, ratification, and confirmation of the gifts, grants, confirmations, and releases, which his ancestors granted to us.

I, John de Mandevile, son of John de Mandevile, to all the faithful. Edward the stabler (*Stabularius*) gave, and by his

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charter, which I have seen, granted to the church of Montacute, and the Cluniac monks there all his land, which in his time he held in the town of Coker, with all liberties, free customs, and rights of common. Also Geoffrey son of Gerold de Coker, gave and by his charter, which I have seen, granted three shillings annual rent proceeding from his land of La Forde in the manor of Coker. Also Robert de Mandevile, and Geoffrey his son and heir, my ancestors, by their confirmation, which I have seen, confirmed the aforesaid gifts. Also Roger de Mandevyle, my ancestor, for the soul of Stephen his father, gave and by his charter, which I have seen, granted his mill of Erlestoke with all the adjoining land and the then tenant of the mill with all his progeny, and the right of grinding for all his men and tenants in the same town. Also Geoffrey de Mandevile, my grandfather, released, and by his writings, which I have seen, quit-claimed to the church of Montacute, and the aforesaid monks, their successors, men and tenants in the manor of Clouesworde, which is within the precincts of the hundred of Coker, all suit which they owed to the said hundred and all else which could be claimed or exacted in respect of the said hundred from the said monks and their successors, their tenants or men of Cloveswrde and Coker ; so that the said monks themselves, their tenants and men may be free from all suit, contribution, geld, and secular demand touching the said hundred, according to the form and tenor of the charters and confirmations of the kings of England concerning liberties of this kind. I, the said John, for my own welfare and for the soul of Anastasia, daughter of John de Mautravers, and formerly wife of Herbert de Sancto Quintino, whose body lies buried in the newly constructed chapel of the Blessed Mary of Montacute, grant, ratify and confirm to the aforesaid church of Montacute, and to Stephen the prior all the aforesaid gifts, grants, confirmations and releases, and I release fully and quit-claim any right that I have or can have in the aforesaid lands, rents, mills, men and their issue, liberties, suits, rights of common, contributions, gelds and secular demands. And I, the said John, my heirs and assigns, are to have no jurisdiction whatsoever over the said prior and convent, their men or their possessions, except so far as to collect what is due to the king, and to carry out his commands and those of the sheriff according to warrants as directed to us.

Witnesses:—John de Bello Campo; Humphrey de Bello Campo; Philip de Maubaunc, John de Dunmere, knights; John de Montacute; Martin de Syreburne; Richard de Loveny; Robert de Bradeford, Roger de Burtone; Thomas Martin of Cokre; James de Fyfhyde.

Dated at Coker on the Sunday next after the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A.D. 1305, in the thirty-third year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Henry.

**No. 44.** Charter of the said Sir John concerning the receipt from the prior and convent of Montacute, of a certain chest with charters and muniments.

John de Maundeville, knight, son and heir of John de Maundeville, in the presence of Robert son of Payn, Edmund Basset, and Nicholas de Valers, knights, on Monday before the feast of St. Michael, in the thirty-third year of the reign of King Edward, has received and taken a certain chest with charters and muniments, formerly deposited in the priory of Montacute by the said John, his father, and by himself, or by some of his ancestors, and with regard to this chest, charters, and muniments, and their custody, releases, and quit-claims the prior and convent of Montacute and their successors.

Dated at Montacute on the day place and year before mentioned.

**No. 45.** Charter of Simon Lovel concerning half an acre of land in Gevele in the tilled land called Langelonde.

Simon Lovel (*Lupellus*), grants to the church and monks of Montacute that half acre of land in the east field of Gyvele in the tilled land called Langelonde, which lies between the land of Ralph Ros, and the land of Robert de Suthyorne. To be held by the said monks as freely and securely as is more fully set forth in a charter which he had from John de Marisco, and which he has delivered to the said monks.

Witnesses:—William, parson of Coker; William Clavile; Luke de Tintenhulle; John de Tintenhulle.

No. 46. Agreement between Elyas de Corindone and the prior and convent of Montacute concerning certain boundaries of lands in the manor of Clouesworthe.

Agreement between Elyas de Curyndone on the one part, and the prior and convent of Montacute on the other; namely the said Elyas for himself and his heirs have given to the said prior and convent, and their successors certain boundaries of land, lying between the land of the said Elyas, called Inlonde, in Curyndone, and the land of the prior and convent lying beyond Byblesmore, in the manor of Cloueswrde, in length from the land of Hugh de Hele to the land which belonged to Dionisia de Idelesforde near Hermit's Wood, in the same town of Curyndone; also whatever right he had, or can have in the same boundaries for making a sufficient ditch and enclosure between the said lands, so that the prior and convent are held liable to make and maintain a ditch and enclosure between the same lands. And if the cattle of the said Elyas, or his heirs, through a gap in the said enclosure shall stray into the corn or pasture of the prior and convent, and cause damage there, they shall not be entitled to impound them, but drive them back without injury and receive no compensation; but if the cattle of the said prior and convent shall stray into the corn or pasture of the said Elyas and cause damage, they shall be required to give compensation. And the said Elyas, his heirs, and assigns are held liable to make and maintain a ditch and enclosure in their own land and fee from the beforementioned ditch as far as the water of Melebire which is called Holebrok, so that if the cattle of the prior and convent shall stray through here and cause damage, they shall not be impounded, but driven back without injury, and no compensation shall be due; but if the cattle of the said Elyas or his heirs shall stray through here and cause damage, they shall make fair compensation.

The said prior and convent, moreover, for this concession, have received the aforesaid Elyas, Albreda his wife, and their heirs into their special brotherhood, granting them a share in all the benefits of the church of Montacute and the Cluniac order for ever.

Witnesses:—William de la Lade; William de Brutevile; Robert, then rector of the church of Cloueswrde; Martin de Nuthertune; Hugh de la Hele.

**No. 47.** Charter of Eudo Dapifer concerning a grant of land in Cinnoc, which Syrewold held of him.

Eudo Dapifer to R. prior of St. Peter of Montacute, and to the whole congregation of that place, gives, for himself, his wife, and, his ancestors, to St. Peter of Cluny, his land of Cinnoc, which Sirewolt held of him, so that such land may remain in possession of the church of St. Peter of Montacute, for effecting the work of the church, and, the work completed, for the lighting of the same church. And he prays them to admit him to their benefits and prayers, and make him partaker of their service.

Witnesses:—Fulk Dapifer; Ralph de Melsa; Geoffrey son of Aschitill; Ansfrid the chaplain; Humphrey and Godric.

**No. 48.** Charter of Hamo de Sancto Claro concerning the aforesaid land of Cinnoc, which the said Eudo gave to us.

Hamo de Sancto Claro to E. the prior, and to all the congregation of St. Peter of Montacute. He grants to St. Peter the land of Cinnoc, which Scirewolt held of Eudo Dapifer, on the same terms as the said Eudo granted it by his character.

Witnesses:—Roger son of Fulk; Maurice son of Turol; Robert de Bennevilla.

**No. 49.** Charter of Constance de Cinnoc concerning the gift and grant of two acres of land with a messuage in West Cinnoc near the burial ground.

Constance de Cinnoc, with the consent of her husband, William son of Henry, grants to the infirmary of Montacute, for the souls of her father and mother, and of her ancestors, and for the soul of Ralph, two acres of land, with a messuage, which is in the town of Cinnoc near the burial ground, and which Emma the laundress (*lotrix*) held, one acre in Estefeld near long acre towards the east, and the other Biwestedune near the acre of Ralph le Bonde.

Witnesses:—Richard, the abbot of Muchele[ney]; Roger, then prior of Fromtune; Luke Russel; Robert, dean of Cynnok; Simon son of Henry; John son of the dean; Stephen the chaplain.

**No. 50.** Charter of the aforesaid Constance concerning the gift and grant of the said two acres with a messuage and curtilage.

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Constance, the lady and heiress of Cynnoc, together with her husband William son of Henry de Kemelescumme, for her own and her husband William's welfare, and for the souls of her father and mother, her brother William, and of Ralph de Kemelescumme, gives, grants, and by this her charter confirms to the infirmary of Montacute two acres of land and a curtilage in Cynnoc and a house adjoining the same curtilage, and the said curtilage is called Westehei and lies between the burial ground of the chapel and the curtilage of Horenquia, and the land is one acre in Estefeld near long acre towards the east, and the other Biwestedune near the acre of Ralph le Bonde. The said infirmary to hold all these free from all service or exaction, but whoever shall hold that house with the said land from the infirmary shall find a house where they may collect together the tithe of the prior in the autumn. Sentence of excommunication is pronounced against any who attempt to traverse this gift.

Witnesses:—Richard, abbot of Muchelnie; Robert, dean of Cynnoc; Robert, parson of Merieth; Richard le Bole; Simon de Kemelescumme; Robert de Aula.

**No. 51.** Charter of Robert de Sancto Claro concerning the gift, grant and confirmation of three acres of the meadow of Runge which extend as far as the water of Gevele.

Robert de Sancto Claro, grants to St. Peter of Montacute and the monks there, three acres of his meadow of Runge, next to the meadow of Philip Kinhit, which extend as far as the water called Gywele.

Witnesses:—Sir Pharamus de Bolonia; Geoffrey de Hermitone; William de Hewebera; Thomas de Tintenhulle.

**No. 52.** Charter of Richard le Bole concerning the gift of all the land which John Bolepanne held in the town of Mid Cinnoc.

Richard la Bule, with the consent of his wife and heirs, grants to the church and monks of Montacute the whole of his land which John Bolepanne held, which land Walter de Deulepot gave to the said Richard for his homage and service in Mid Cinnoc,

and in addition one acre of meadow east of Rugemore, to be held free of all service, except the King's service, so far as belongs to that amount of land in the same town. Paying annually to the lord of the town of Cynnok forty pence, namely twenty pence at Easter and twenty at the feast of St. Michael. And the almoner of Montacute shall receive the residue to make one pittance to the convent every year on the grantor's anniversary.

Witnesses:—Sir Godfrey de Craucumbe; Sir William de Kemecumbe; Sir William de Dunmere; Savaricus de Cinnok; Robert de Dulintone; William Harme.

**No. 53.** Charter of William Briwere concerning the gift and grant of the church of Odecumbe.

William Briwere, for the souls of King Henry and King Richard, and for those of his own ancestors, grants, so far as belongs to a patron, to the church and monks of Montacute, the impropriation of the church of Odecumbe, for their infirmary three marks, for their kitchen three marks for alms, and the remainder for the prior for maintaining charity.

Witnesses:—Richard de Herieth; Simon de Pateshel; Ralph de Hale; Eustace de Facenber[ge]; Osbert de Stokes; Geoffrey de Cinnoc.

**No. 54.** Charter of Savaric, bishop of Bath and Glastonbury, concerning the gift and grant of the church of Odecumbe.

**No. 55.** Concerning two acres for glebe at the same place, and two Fol. 35. parts of the advowson of the church of the same.<sup>1</sup>

**No. 56.** [Charter of Matilda, who was the wife of Roger de Mortuo Mari, John de Hastings, and William de la Zuche, concerning the advowson of the church of Odecumbe.]

Matilda, John and William, as joint heirs of the manor of Fol. 36. Odecumbe, being ignorant of the rights of the prior and church of Montacute because of the loss of the charter of inspection of their progenitor, have recovered in court the advowson of the

<sup>1</sup> Fol. 35 is missing. The subject of the document transcribed on it is known from the table of contents.

church of Odecumbe. Stephen, the prior, successor to prior Peter afterwards humbly approaches them, setting before them a claim to the said advowson, showing his right and ancient possession of the same patronage more fully by a charter had of their progenitor, and asking that the advowson may be restored to him and his church.

The said Matilda, John and William, wishing to fulfil the desire of prior Stephen and the laudable intention of their progenitor, grant their respective shares in the advowson of the aforesaid church. Namely, Matilda, two acres of arable land called glebe, with two parts of the advowson of the church belonging to her two parts of the manor; John, half of the third part of the advowson; and William de la Zuche, the other half of the third part: releasing, moreover, and quit-claiming to the prior and convent all right and claim which they had or could have in the same advowson.

Witnesses:—Sir Robert son of Payn; Simon de Monte Acuto; John de Bello Campo; Hugh Poynz; Henry de Urtiaco, John de Mandavilla, knights: Richard Pyke; Peter de Evercy; Walter de Romesye; Luke de Barry; William de Meretoke; Martin de Scyreburne; Ralph Abbot; John de Monte Acuto; Richard de Loveny.

**No. 57.** Charter of remission and quit-claim of Edmund de Mortuo mari concerning the church of Odecumbe.

Edmund de Mortuo mari remits and quit-claims to the prior and convent of Montacute all right and claim which he had or could have in the advowson of the church of Odecumbe, or in any part of the same, so that neither he nor his heirs shall be able to exact or sell any right or claim in the said advowson.

Dated at Wygmore on Monday, the feast of the apostles Simon and Jude, A.D. 1303, and in the thirty-first year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Henry.

**No. 58.**—Charter of Oliver de Laumvelay, lord of Kynggestone, about making suit to the hundred of Tyntenhulle.

Anno Dom. 1187. Oliver de Laumvelay, lord of Kynggestone, acknowledges in the presence of Jocelin, prior of Montacute, at Tyntenhulle, in full hundred held there on

Saturday, in the octave of St. Michael, that he (Oliver) and his men of Kynggestone ought to come three times in the year to the said hundred of Tyntenhulle, as the other suitors and tithing-men of the said hundred come and ought to come to the same, namely, in the octave of St. Michael, in the octave of Epiphany, in the octave of Hokkedaye.

No. 59. Concerning five shillings of land in Hezecomb. Fol. 37.

No. 60. Concerning the land of Stawelle, that it should be free Fol. 38.  
from service.

No. 61. Concerning ten shillings of land at Melcomb.

No. 62. Concerning land in the same Melcomb.

No. 63. Concerning half a virgate of land in Othery, and two shillings from Cippelegh, and a messuage with a curtilage in Wyttone.

No. 64. Concerning the said half virgate of land in Othery. Fol. 39.

No. 65. Concerning the manor of Nyghud.

No. 66. Concerning the toll and custom of the men of Tothindone not to be rendered at Dunstorre.

No. 67. Concerning a furlong of land, a messuage, and a curtilage Fol. 40.  
in Est Stokes.

No. 68. Concerning two sextaries of meadow in Soc.

No. 69. Also concerning the said two sextaries.

No. 70. Concerning a furlong of land in Hynetone. Fol. 41.

No. 71. Concerning a furlong of land in West Modiford.

**No. 72.** Concerning the exchange of a messuage, and a curtilage, and half an acre of land in West Modiford.

Fol. 42. **No. 73.** Concerning the said messuage, &c.

**No. 74.** Concerning twelve pence from the tenements of Edward le Ball' in Childecumb.

**No. 75.** Concerning two acres of land by the mill-pool of Modiford.

**No. 76.** Concerning a house with a curtilage in Horningesham, and an acre of land with 'hosbote' and 'haibote.'

Fol. 43. **No. 77.** Concerning twenty shillings from the land of Gounz given by Salomon de Gevele.

**No. 78.** Concerning the said twenty shillings, with the homage, wardships, reliefs, and escheats of the same land.

Fol. 44. **No. 79.** Concerning three shillings from a messuage which John de Aula held.

**No. 80.** Concerning the burgage of Thomas Cook (*coci*) in Montacute.

**No. 81.** Concerning the burgage late of G. de Sanford.

Fol. 45. **No. 82.** Concerning a moiety of a burgage late of Ro. de Langebridie.

**No. 83.** Concerning two shillings from the tenement late of W. Feraund.

**No. 84.** Concerning the burgage late of John Donekan.

Fol. 46. **No. 85.** Concerning the burgage late of John de Cinnoc in Montacute.

**No. 86.** Concerning the land of La Forde.

**No. 87.** Concerning the land late of Sybert in Bissopestone.

**No. 88.** Concerning the land of Atebare.

**No. 89.** Concerning the land in Bissopestone late of Roger de Mandevile.

**No. 90.** Concerning three acres of land in Cilterne.

[Confirmation by — to the monks of Montacute] for the maintenance and improvement of the almonry of the same place, of a gift which [his or her] grandfather and father had given before, namely, two parts of all the tithes of the demesne of Cilterne.

Witnesses:—Philip, chaplain of Montacute; Robert de Tintenhulle; Serlo the cook; William the gardener; Hamo Marescall; Roger Russel; Nicholas the porter; William Pingeho; Robert Duket.

**No. 91.** Charter of Simon de Valtort concerning the gift and confirmation of one virgate of land in Babbe Cari, with two shillings annually from R[obert] de Cari and his heirs.

Simon de Valtort, for the welfare of himself and his wife and of his lord Robert de Bello Campo and his wife, grants to the church and brethren of Montacute, together with his brother Nicholas whom they have received as a monk, one virgate of land in Babbekari, that namely which Richard de Wunepit holds, and two shillings annually from Robert de Kari or his heirs after him. To be held free from service or exaction in meadows and pastures, and common of pasture and all other liberties, until the grantor or his heirs shall cause the said monks to have annually ten shillings in the church of Babbekari by the will and consent of the bishop of Bath.

Witnesses:—Robert, priest of Cinnoc; Osbert, clerk of Stokes; Robert de Bello Campo; Richard de Craucume; Richard son of Robert, and Henry his brother; Richard Bozard; William Aguilun; Simon de Odecumbe; Ralph Senzaver; Roger de Waltam; Richard, Henry and Osbert, servants of the prior.

**No. 92.** Charter of R[obert] de Bello Campo concerning the gift of the aforesaid Simon of the said virgate of land in Babbe Cari

Robert de Bello Campo confirms the gift which Simon de Valtort made to the church and monks of Montacute, namely that virgate of land in Babbekari which Richard de Wunepit holds, and two shillings annually from Rodbert de Kari or his heirs after him, free and quit of all service and exaction as the charter of the said Simon testifies.

Witnesses:—Robert, priest of Cinnoc; Osbert, clerk of Stokes; Richard de Craucume; Richard son of Robert, and Henry his brother; Richard Boszard; William Aguillun; Simon de Odecumbe; Ralph Senzaveir; Richard son of Ralph.

**No. 93.** Charter of R[obert] de Vallibus concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of the wind-mill of Sevenamtone with the grinding of the manor and with six acres of land, near the said mill, from his own demesne.

Robert de Vallibus grants to the church of Montacute, together with his body, his wind-mill of Sevenamtune, with the grinding of the whole of the same manor, and with six acres of land, close to the said mill, from his own demesne.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard de Crues; Sir Richard de Langeforde; John, chaplain of Nuserexe; Richard, chaplain of Pingho; Geoffrey Hanegot; William de la Mora; Thomas le Saye; Peter de Burgundia; Walter Wyldegos.

**No. 94.** Charter of Godfrey de Crauecombe concerning the gift, grant and confirmation of the service of John Golafre and his heirs of three shillings for four acres of meadow in Ylemore.

Godfrey de Crawecumbe, for the welfare of the souls of himself, Matilda his mother, and all his ancestors and successors, grants, to the monks of Montacute the whole service of John Golafre and his heirs concerning four acres of meadow in Ylemore, that is three shillings annually, to be paid, eighteen pence at Easter, and eighteen pence at the feast of St. Michael, with homages, wardships and reliefs, for the maintenance of the kitchen of the monks of the said house; so that the kitchener (*coquinarius*) of that house may receive the said three shillings at the times mentioned.

Witnesses:—Robert de Stantone; John le Brun; Richard son of John; William le Mora; John de Infiraria; Hugh de Camme.

**No. 95.** Charter of Sir William de Geveltone concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of two acres in Geveltone, which are called de la Aliete, next the land of Sir John de Aure, together with the advowson of the church of Geveltone.

William de Geveltone, knight, grants to Guy, the prior, and to the convent of Montacute two acres of land which he has in Geveltone, namely those two acres which are called de la Aliete, joing next to the land of Sir John de Aura, knight, together with the advowson of the church of Geveltone, and everything belonging to the patronage of the same.

Witnesses:—Sirs John de Bello Campo, William Everardi, William de Mohun, William de Urtiaco, Brian de Gouiz; Richard de Cantilupo, knights; Walter de Romesie; Roger de Pudiford; William Fossart; Robert de Sancto Claro; Peter de Facomberge.

**No. 96.** Charter of acknowledgment of William, son of Richard Thurlok, of Tyntenhulle, “de warda et maritago suo et heredum.”

William Thurlok, son and heir of Richard Thurlok, of Tyntenhulle, being of full age, acknowledges in the full court of Tyntenhulle, as was lawfully agreed by an inquisition of free men of the said court, the wardship and marriage of his heirs under age to his lords the prior and convent of Montacute, in whose wardship he himself some time was by reason of his tenement in Tyntenhulle. And for the holding of the said inquisition and for the recognition of his right in the said tenement he has given to the said prior and convent four marks.

Witnesses:—John de Cilateria; Geoffrey de Tintenhulle; Walter de Welham; Stephen de Criche; Farames de Wydecumbe; John de la Wyche; Robert Erl.

Dated at Tyntenhulle, on the feast of the Conception of the Blessed Mary, in the forty-seventh year of the reign of King Henry. [A.D. 1262.]

**No. 97.** Charter of Geoffrey son of Gerold de Cocra, concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of three shillings from the land of Forde, in West Coker.

Geoffrey son of Gerald de Cocra, grants to the church and monks of Montacute, three shillings annually to be paid from his land of La Forda by the hand of his wife Matilda, or of his son and heir Gerold, or of whomsoever shall hold the said land of La Forda; at the four principal feasts of the year for the use of the sick monks in the infirmary, and for providing them with better food.

Witnesses:—Matilda, my wife; Geoffrey, chaplain of Cocra; Robert, parson of Cocra; Geoffrey de Hardintone, my uncle; William de Cocra; Richard de Molend[inis]; Richard, my son; Geoffrey son of William; Thomas son of William; Geoffrey de Cinnoc; Nicholas de la Broc; Eustace de Welnham: Geoffrey son of Richard, my nephew; Hamo de Cocra: Walter de Infirmaria; William Herm; William Wildegos.

**No. 98.** Charter of Gerold de Cokre concerning the inspection of the charter of his father the aforesaid Geoffrey, son of the above-mentioned Gerold relating to the aforesaid three shillings from the above-mentioned land of La Forde.

Gerold de Cokere for the souls of himself, his wife Alice, and his children, confirms the charter which his father Geoffrey gave to the house and monks of Montacute concerning the aforesaid three shillings to be paid to them annually.

Witnesses:—Robert de Sancto Claro; William de Hewenebere; Martin de Cokre; Ralph the Abbot (*le abbé*); John de Aula; William Burel.

**No. 99.** Charter of Isabella, daughter and heiress of Gerald de Coker, concerning the gift and grant, in widowhood, of two shillings annual rent from a messuage and curtilage near the aforesaid land of La Forde.

Isabella, daughter and heiress of Gerald de Coker, in her lawful widowhood, for the souls of herself and John de Chelke, sometime her husband, and of Gerald and Alice, her father and mother, grants to the church and monks of Montacute, two shillings of annual rent from a messuage and curtilage, which are near the land of La Forde towards the east in West-Koker, from which land of La Forde the said monks have three shillings annually from the gift of Geoffrey son of Girald de

Coker. The said two shillings to be received at the four principal terms of the year. And she, her heirs and assigns, warrants the said two shillings to the monks in the infirmary, and acquits them from all services except divine service.

Witnesses:—William de Sancto Claro; Henry le Boutillier; Ralph Abbot; John Paviot; Thomas de Coker; Helyas de Coker; Hugh Fountel.

Dated at Westcoker, A.D. 1280.

No. 100. Charter of Eva, daughter of Henry de Sowy, concerning Fol. 50. the grant, confirmation, and quit-claim of land in Sistramtone.

Eva, daughter of Henry de Sowy, grants, to William Denys (*Dacus*) all the land which she claimed as her right, to be held freely of her and her heirs, by the said William and his heirs, or by anyone to whom he shall have assigned it; paying to her and her heirs annually at the feast of St. Michael one pound of cummin for all service save royal service. For this grant the said William has given her two marks.

Witnesses:—Geoffrey Denys (*Dacus*); Thomas de Cyrencester; Gilbert Denys (*Dacus*); William Fromunde; Walter de Cloptune; Godwin Wenche; Robert Bacun; Thomas de Hullecumbe; Robert de Sowy; Gervase Triz; Henry the carter (*Karetarius*); William Raffa.

No. 101. Charter of William Denys (*Dacus*) concerning the gift and grant of the aforesaid land of Sistramtone.

William Denys grants to the sacristy for the work of the church of Montacute all his land of Sistramtune which he holds of Eva daughter of Henry de Sowy, as her charter testifies.

Witnesses:—Sir John Denys (*Dacus*); Sir Gilbert Denys (*Dacus*); Sir Roger de Gouiz; Ralph de Kallewey; Thomas de Cirencester; William Fromund; Alexander Draper; Master Geoffrey Denys (*Dacus*); Jordan the chaplain.

No. 102. Cyrograph between Mark the prior and the convent and Sir Gilbert Denys (*Dacus*) concerning the aforesaid land of Sistramtone.

Mark the prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place grant to Sir Gilbert Denys (*Dacus*), knight, for his homage and service all their land of Sistelhamtune, which William Denys (*Dacus*) gave to them: Sir Gilbert paying to them annually ten shillings at the four quarters of the year, and at the feast of Saints Peter and Paul one wax candle of the value of sixpence, for all service except royal service.

Witnesses:—Osbert de Stokes; brother William de Cloptune; Richard de Castell' cairoc; Henry Dairel; Henry Prior; Gregory le Hostage; Ingram de Launei; Martin de Stokes.

**No. 103.** Charter of John, son of John le Deneys, concerning the gift which he made to his brother Henry of land in Sistramtone in Brentemers.

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John le Deneys, son of John le Deneys, grants to his brother Henry le Deneys all his land in Sistelhamtune in the manor of Brente, which he had of the gift of his father John le Deneys, to be held by the aforesaid Henry and his legitimate heirs of the prior and convent of Montacute, paying annually to the same prior and convent ten shillings at the four principal terms of the year in equal portions, and at the feast of Saints Peter and Paul sixpence for one wax candle, and to the said John and his heirs one penny at Easter for all service except royal service. One part of this tripartite writing shall remain in the possession of the aforesaid John, another in that of the said Henry, and the third in the possession of the chief lord, namely the prior of Montacute.

Witnesses:—Richard de Contevoie; Hugh de Langelonde; Thomas de Bergher; Ralph de Lucy; John Brice.

**No. 104.** Charter of Hugh Trivet concerning the emancipation and quit-claim of Richard Kene with all his issue.

Hugh Trevet of Crendone, Eva his wife, and Richard their heir, emancipate, free, and quit-claim to the prior of Montacute, Richard Kene of Sowy, with all his issue, whom they have claimed as their bondman; under a penalty of forty shillings payable to the prior should any of them or their successors desire

to recede from this emancipation and quit-claim, for which the aforesaid prior has given one mark.

Witnesses:—Sir Ralph Russel; Sir Jordan de Elingtune; Sir William Malet; Master William de Spaxtöne; Robert de Dulintone; William Polgroin, servant of the prior.

**No. 105.** Charter of the abbot and convent of Kaynesham concerning two shillings and sixpence for tithes in the parish of Clafford.

The controversy between the monks of Montacute and the canons of Kaynesham about certain tithes which the aforesaid monks claimed in the parish of Clafford is settled by this agreement, namely, that the aforesaid canons shall hold all such tithes freely and fully from the aforesaid monks, paying to them annually on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul a pension of thirty pence. This concord and agreement between the churches of Montacute and Kaynesham is made A.D. 1193.

**No. 106.** Charter of Robert, son of William son of Rainer, concerning the gift of five shillings from his mill of Estintone.

Robert son of William son of Rainer, grants to the church and monks of Montacute five shillings every year from the profits (*de censu*) of his mill of Estinton, to be paid at the same times when the residue of the profits is disbursed; free from all exaction and temporal service.

Witnesses:—Jordan son of Robert son of Bern[er]; Ralph son of William; Reginald son of William; Jordan de Wedmedone; another William son of Reiner (*alio Willelmo filio Reineri*); Roger de Burncham; John son of Gilbert; Ralph the dean; Adam the chaplain.

**No. 107.** Charter of Nicholas Poyns concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of fifteen acres of land from his grove of Stocwode in Heubereit, with the land of the aforesaid fifteen acres for ever. Fol. 52.

Nicholas Poynz, with the consent of Joan his wife, for his own welfare and for the souls of his father and mother and of his son Hugh Poynz, and Juliana his wife, grants to the church and

monks of Montacute fifteen acres of his grove of Stocwode in Heuberheit, with the laund of the said fifteen acres for ever.

Witnesses:—Robert de Mandevile; Jordan Oliver; Jordan de Atebere; Roger de la Forda, then sheriff of Somerset and Dorset; Simon my nephew; Osbert de Dena; Robert de Aula Montis Acuti; Geoffrey le Waleys (*Walensis*).

**No. 108.** Charter of Wandegril de Curcell [is] concerning the gift of a house with a curtilage of his desmesne in Limintone, with the meadows, pasture lands and other appurtenances.

Wandigril de Curcell[is] grants to the church and brethren of Montacute a house with a curtilage and ten acres of land of his demesne in Limintone with the meadows and pasture lands, &c. which belong to such a quantity of land (*ad tantum terre*) free and quit of all service.

Witnesses:—William the sub-prior, son of the chancellor; William de Mertoc; Roger de Sancto Cosma; Philip, a monk; Osbert; Roger son of David, chaplain; Robert, knight of Piro; William de Asci; Hugh de Masci; Richard Noreis; William son of Teoderic; Roger de Greintune; Hugh the cook.

**No. 109.** Charter of John, son of Henry de Port, concerning the gift of the land of Weleg in Warneford.

John de Port, son of Henry de Port, grants to the church and brethren of Montacute the land of Warneford, which is called Weleg, with all its appurtenances, to be held in free possession for ever, nothing being retained to him, his heirs, or assigns except prayers.

Witnesses:—Robert de Inglesham, archdeacon of Surrey; Robert prior of Sireburne; William son of Asgot; William son of Adam; William son of Roger; Tostan the sheriff; Robert de Turvilla.

**No. 110.** Charter of Adam de Port, son of the aforesaid John de Port, concerning the confirmation of the said land of Weleg.

Adam de Portu confirms to the church and brethren of Montacute the land of Warneforde, which is called Weleg, which

Henry his grandfather and John his father gave to the same church, to be held freely with all its customs.

Witnesses:—Roger, prior of Syreburne; Adam, prior of Holen; John, clerk de Portu; Maurice de Turbeville; Adam Cornehammete; Robert Devenuz; Alexander and Adam, men of the prior of Holen.

**No. 111.** Charter of William de Sancto Johanne, son of the aforesaid Adam de Port, concerning the confirmation of the above-mentioned land of Weleg.

William de Sancto Johanne, son of Adam de Portu, confirms <sup>Fol. 53.</sup> to the church and brethren of Montacute the land of Warneforde, which is called Weleg, which Henry his great-grandfather, (*triaius*), John his grandfather, and Adam his father gave to the same church to be held freely with all customs.

Witnesses:—Maurice de Turrevile; Emeric de Cancell'; Thomas de Wnuz; John de Wnuz; Stephen de Basiges; Roger son of Adam; William Barre; Henry de Turrevile; Robert de la Wdecote; Roger the clerk.

**No. 112.** Charter of Yvo the abbot and the convent of Cluny, concerning the surrender, grant and confirmation of the manor of Ledecombe at fee farm.

Yvo, 'minister humilis' of the church of Cluny and the convent of the same place, surrender, grant, and confirm to their beloved brethren, Hugh the prior, and the convent of their house of Montacute and their successors their manor in England called Ledecumb at fee farm, together with all its belongings within and without the town. The said prior and convent to hold them on the same free terms as they have ever held them of the King of England, paying thence to them annually a feudal rent of one hundred and two marks sterling at Paris in the house of St. Martin des Champs to the prior or the sacristan (*sartrinario*) of the same house, our proctor for this purpose, namely, fifty-two marks at Christmas and fifty within a fortnight of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, in return for all plaints, exactions and secular demands belonging to us in the said manor. And should it so happen that possession of the said manor be taken by the King

or any other person, they grant that the said prior and convent shall not pay the said one hundred and two marks until the manor shall revert to them again.

Dated at Cluny on the kalends of July, A.D. 1261.

**No. 113.** Charter of William, son of Walter de Cantelupe, concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of ten shillings coming from Samson his free man at Legh.

William de Cantelupe, son of Walter de Cantelupe, with the consent of William his son and heir, grants to the church and monks of Montacute ten shillings to be received annually from Samson his free man of Leg, and from his heirs for ever, namely from the rent which the same Samson, before this gift, was wont to pay for the land which he and his heirs held of him by hereditary right. The said ten shillings to be paid to the almoner of the house of Montacute at the four principal feasts; but if the aforesaid Samson or his heirs shall not pay the aforesaid ten shillings at the prescribed times, the prior and monks shall have the right to distrain on the chattels found upon that land, and from them the aforesaid almoner shall make a refection for the convent on the anniversary of his father.

Witnesses:—William de Cantelupe, my son and heir; Walter le Poer; Gilbert de Sai; Jordan Oliver; Jordan de Alneto; William Haketh; William de Draicote; Randolph, serjeant of Berwic; Robert Broda.

**No. 114.** Charter of William, son of William de Cantelupe, concerning the grant and confirmation of the aforesaid ten shillings.

William de Cantelupe, son of William de Cantelupe, confirms the gift which his father William de Cantelupe made to the church of Montacute, as the charter of his same father testifies.

Witnesses:—Sir William de Cantelupe, my father; Walter le Poer; Gilbert de Sai; Jordan Oliver; Jordan de Alneto; William Haketh; William de Draycote; Randolph, serjeant of Berwike; Robert Broda.

**No. 115.** Letter of the aforesaid William son of Walter de Cante-

lupe, to the said Samson to secure the payment of the said ten shillings.

William de Cantelupe to his faithful Samson de Lega. Know that I have given to the monks of Montacute ten shillings from your rent which you are bound to pay annually to me; wherefore we enjoin you to go to the house of Montacute, and give the monks security for the annual payment of the same as our charter, which they have, testifies.

**No. 116.** Charter of Ralph Danus concerning the gift of part of his grove of Chalbergh from the curtilage of R. Beletete to the crooked oak, with four acres of land for the maintenance of a keeper for the said wood.

I, Ralph Danus, for the soul of William de Moiun, my lord, and for the welfare of William his son, grant to the church and monks of Montacute part of my grove of Chalbergh, namely that part which reaches from the curtilage (*cortillo*) of Roger Bele-teste as far as the crooked oak and to the hollow (*concavum*) which is situated at the edge of the grove (*ad horam memoris*) as far as the laund (*landam*) which is outside the grove, and four acres of land to make an establishment (*managium*) for the work of the keeper, together with free pasture for his live stock (*animalia*). This gift I have made free and quit of all service so soon as I shall have been received into the brotherhood of the same church, on condition that my memory, and the memory of my lord William de Moiun, who gave this land to me, and also of William de Moiun the younger, who is still living, shall be preserved for ever in that church, and that we shall participate in all the spiritual benefits of the whole Cluniac congregation.

Witnesses;—William, chaplain of Poerstoke; Turbert, chaplain of Chalbergh; William, chaplain of Montacute; William, clerk of Chalbergh; Humphrey Brito, Simon Brito, Richard Brito, my brothers; Robert son of Hugh; Nicholas de Montacute; Alvred Poignater.

**No. 117.** Charter of Robert Denys (*Dacus*), son of Richard, concerning the grant and confirmation of the grove of Chalbergh,

with the said four acres, together with a fifth acre of his own gift reaching as far as the wood of the abbot of Syreburne.

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Robert son of Richard, for the welfare of himself and Alice his wife, and for the souls of his father and mother, and of Ralph Denys (*Dacus*) his uncle, and of his lords William de Moyun the elder and the younger, grants to the church and Cluniac monks of Montacute, the gift of the grove with four acres of land to make an establishment (*managium*) for the keeper of the same grove in Chalberge, in addition to which he gives a fifth acre, at the end of the four acres, reaching to the wood of the abbot of Sireburne. The keeper of the grove shall have common rights of pasture for his live stock and sheep (*animalia et pecora*) free from all custom and secular exaction. And the aforesaid monks shall hold all these freely as the charter of his uncle Ralph Denys (*Dacus*) and his own testify.

Witnesses:—Hugh, chaplain of Derley; Master Helias de Tholre; Simon Brut, and William his brother; Alice my wife; Simon my brother; Robert, clerk of Chalberge; Ralph his son; Robin de Montacute; Geoffrey, steward of Cinnoc; Ardlan, provost of Clowesworthe.

No. 118. Charter of Robert de Lincolnia concerning the gift of the land which is called Holne, for the establishment and maintenance of monks there.

I, Robert de Lincolnia, determined to found a religious house to the honour of God, give to the church and monks of Montacute my land which is called Holne, so that a religious order consisting of thirteen monks may be established there. This gift, with the advice and consent of the bishop of Salisbury, I and my wife Benza and my son Alvred have made in the presence of the prior and monks of Montacute and Sir Gilbert a monk (to whom personally I had previously given the same place) and others, namely William de Lundonia, Walter and Richard. This I have done for the soul of my lord, King Henry, and for the souls of my father and mother, my ancestors, myself, my wife, and sons. I give also to the said monks three virgates of land in Wrde, and a tithe of the bread, meat, and fish from the store of my house, and of my heirs, and one tribute of salt from my salt-

cotes adjoining my manor of Langeton, also the whole tithe of my demesne of Acforde, and of Winterburne Gurewambe, and of Langeton, near Abotesbire, and of Corfton, also the tithe of the said three virgates, which gave to them from my demesne of Wrde. Also Bardulph, my knight, with my consent and that of Alvred my son, has given them the whole tithe of the demesne of Chiselburneforde, and of Watercumb.

Witnesses :—Robert de Musters ; Samson de Lincolnia ; Robert de Bosco ; Robert German ; Bardulph Bussel and Gervase his brother.

**No. 119.** Charter of Alvred de Lincoln, son of the said Robert, concerning the gift, grant, and confirmation of the gift of the said Robert, together with his gift of a tithe of the bread, meat, and fish from the store of his house, and of his heirs, wheresoever they may make their abode, and a tithe from his salt-cotes of Purbic, and many other things here contained.

I, Alvred de Lincoln, for the welfare of my soul, and that of my wife Albreda, and for the soul of my father Robert de Lincoln, confirm to Saints Peter and Paul of Montacute, and the monks there, the gift of my father, and of the Lady Benza, my mother, namely the church and place of Holne, with the land and all belongings. I give and grant also for the maintenance of the monks dwelling at Holne, a tithe of the bread, meat, and fish from the store of my house, wheresoever in England I, my heirs and successors may make our abode, and a tithe of salt from my salt-cotes in Purbike ; also three virgates of land in Wrde, and the tithes of the same, the land of Plys with pasture for ten oxen, Fol. 56. one heifer, and two hundred and fifty sheep, feeding anywhere in Plys with the oxen, sheep, and other beasts of the abbot of Glastonbury ; the whole tithe of my demesne of Acforde and of Winterburne Gurewambe, and of Langetone, which is near Abbotisbire, and of Corftone, and the tithe of the garden near Bradele ; also the whole tithe of the demesne of Chiselburneforde and of Watercumbe, which Bardulph Bussel, my knight, with the consent of my father and myself, bestowed upon the aforesaid place ; and the church of Wermewelle, which Gunfred, my man, with my consent, Geoffrey his son hearing and consenting,

released and granted to the brethren of Holne. All the above I give, grant, and confirm to the said monks, to have, receive, and hold freely, making no return for the same except prayers and divine services for the souls of all my ancestors and successors.

Witnesses:—Andrew, my brother; Samson de Lincoln; Robert de Bosco; Robert de Antiochia; Peter, my brother; William Mauclerc (*Malus clericus*); Roger, my chaplain.

No. 120. Charter of Robert Daneville concerning three acres and a half of land called Cherchyde in Langetone.

Robert Daneville, for the souls of his father Alvred, and of his mother, and for the welfare of himself, his wife Mabel, and his sons, grants to St. Mary of Holne, three acres and a half of land called Cherchyde in the town of Langetone, in the year of Our Lord 1178. And he confirms this with his seal, desiring and enjoining that none of his descendants shall venture to diminish this gift, or presume to take it away from the place of Holne, where his father Alvred Daneville rests in peace.

Witnesses:—Sir Alvred de Lincoln; the Lady Albereda; Andrew de Lincoln; Alvred Talebota; Luke; William de Sancto Quintino, the priest; William Abraham; Roger my brother; the Lady Mabel, my wife; Robert, clerk, and Peter, my sons; Hamel [in] Russel; Geoffrey English, my servant

No. 121. Charter of Robert son of Eskelin concerning half a hide of land, and half the church of Acforde, with pasture and other appurtenances, and the tithe of Medesham.

Robert son of Eskelin, grants to the church and monks of Montacute, half a hide of land, and a moiety of the church of Acforde Eskelin with pasturage for ten oxen, five cows, and two horses, with the oxen, cows, and horses of the lords of Acforde, and pasturage for other cattle in the common land of the same town, and the tithe of Medesham.

Witnesses:—Henry, my son; Roger de Acforde, my nephew; Robert de Pent, chaplain; Robert de Sturs, and Ralph his brother.

**No. 122.** Letter of William de Stawelle, rector of a moiety of the said church, about a certain controversy between himself and us.

William de Stawelle, rector of a moiety of the church of Acforde Scillinge, to all the faithful in Christ who may see or hear this present letter. Whereas there has been a dispute between myself as plaintiff on the one part, and the prior and convent of Montacute, my patrons, defendants, on the other, before Adam de Greinvile and Thomas Trevet, justices of the King in eyre in the county of Dorset, about a certain messuage, curtilage, and eight acres of land, which Geoffrey son of Luke, holds in the said town, and three shillings proceeding from the said messuage. At length, upon the advice of common friends, with the consent of the said monks, the aforesaid rector has conceded that the messuage, curtilage, and eight acres of land belong to the said monks and may be let by them to the said Geoffrey or to whomsoever they may hereafter substitute for him ; saving the said three shillings, which three shillings they Fol. 67. shall pay, every year on the feast of St. Michael, to the steward of the kitchen of Montacute for the time being ; and the said steward shall take into account these three shillings in the payment of the one mark owed annually from time immemorial by the rectors of the said church to the steward of the kitchen of Montacute by way of an annual pension, and the remainder of the said pension, namely, ten shillings and four pence the said rector and his successors shall pay to the steward on the said feast.

Dated at Montacute, on the Wednesday next after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, A.D. 1268.

Witnesses :—Master Peter de la Lade ; John de la Barre, clerks ; Martin de Clouesworth ; William Bretevile ; Edmund Jal ; John Job.

**No. 123.** Charter of Brian de Turberville, lord of Acforde Eskelin, concerning the release, grant, confirmation and quit claim of a moiety of the advowson of the church of Acforde, with the glebe, endowment and other appurtenances.

Brian de Turberville, lord of Acforde Eskelin, quit-claims to the church and Cluniac monks of Montacute, all his right in a

moiety of the advowson of the church of Acforde Eskelin, together with the glebe, endowment, and all other appurtenances, which moiety they held of the gift of Robert son of Eskelin, his ancestor, sometime lord of Acforde Eskelin; in return for which release, &c., the said monks have paid him forty pounds. In testimony whereof his seal is appended to [the original of] the present charter, and because his own seal is unknown to many he has procured the seal of office of the Archdeaconry of Dorset to be appended also.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard de Manestone, Sir Ralph de Hulle, Sir Richard de Haverynge, Sir Ralph de Rocheford, Sir John de Muleburne, Sir Adam le Deneys, knights; William de Heyhetone; John de Moun; John le Breton; Geoffrey de Wermewelle; William de Turberville; Henry Baret; Robert de Bakebere.

Dated at Acforde Eskelin, the third of the Kalends of October, A.D. 1298, and in the twenty-sixth year of King Edward.

**No. 124.** Charter of Bardulph de Chiselburneford, knight, concerning the whole tithe of the demesne of Chiselburneford and of Watercombe.

Bardulph, knight of Chiseburneforde, with the consent of Emma his wife, and the approval of his lord Robert de Lincoln and of Alvred his son and heir, gives to Saints Peter and Paul of Montacute and the monks there the whole tithe of his demesne of Chiseburneford and of Watercumbe, to have and receive fully and freely for ever.

Witnesses:—My lord Robert de Lincoln, and Alvred his son; Robert de Mustiers; Samson de Lincoln: Robert de Bosco; Robert German; Gervase Bussel.

**No. 125.** Charter of Isabel, lady of Chiselburneford, concerning the grant and confirmation of the gift of the tithes of Chiselburneford.

Isabel, daughter and heiress of Samson Roch of Chiselburneford, with the consent of her husband Adam Carpenter and of her son and heir Richard Peitevin, with the approval of her lord Alvred de Lincoln, confirms the gift of Bardulph,

knight and her other ancestors to the church of Montacute, namely, the whole tithe of the demesne of Chiseburneford small as well as great.

Witnesses:—My lord A. de Lincoln, and Alvred his son; Martin Samson de Fromtune; Sir Simon de Manester; Robert Eustace; Alexander, clerk of Holne; Saer de Holne; Walter Duket.

**No. 126.** Charter of Gervase de Watercombe in what manner he has granted the aforesaid tithe of the demesne of Watercombe.

Gervase de Watercumbe, in the presence of Adelelm, archdeacon of Dorset and of Sir Alvred de Lincoln, grants to the monks and brethren of Holne the whole tithe of the demesne of Watercumbe in like manner as Bardulph Bussel his brother had previously granted it to them, except one cartload of corn, which the church of Wermewulle ought to have.

Witnesses:—Richard de Calne; Robert de Gillefort; Rainald, the dean; William, chaplain of Prestone; Fulk, chaplain of Corf; the lady Albereda de Corf; Richard le Waleys (*Walensis*); Andrew de Lincoln; Robert de Monasteriis.

**No. 127.** Charter of agreement between brother G[ilbert] de Ver, preceptor, and the brethren of the Hospital Jerusalem, and Adam, prior of Holne, concerning the tithe of Watercombe.

In the year 1195, when there had been a dispute between brother Gilbert de Ver, preceptor, and the brethren of the Hospital of Jerusalem in England, and Adam, prior of Holne in Dorset, about the small tithes of Nicholas de Watercumbe, at length by consent of the parties all dispute between them about the aforesaid having been removed to London in the general chapter of the Hospital of the aforesaid brethren, on the Monday next before the feast of St. Luke the evangelist, was thus peaceably ended, namely, that the aforesaid brethren of the Hospital shall have all the tithes of the beforenamed Nicholas as well in corn as in all other things released and quit from the prior of Holne and his successors, so that the aforesaid brethren of the

Hospital pay yearly at Holne to the prior of Holne or his successors seven shillings, half at Easter and half at the feast of St. Michael.

Witnesses:—Brother Samuel, Brother William de Wrmebruge, Brother William de Seneȝ, Brother Walter de Winton, chaplains; Brother Robert son of Richard; Brother Maurice de Prendelgast; Brother Robert Poucin; Brother Hugh de Clahulle; Brother Brian; Brother Robert de Valenciñ; Brother Gregory; Brother Walter de Stanford; and Simon the clerk.

**No. 128.** Charter of R[obert], count of Mell[ent] concerning toll at Warham.

R[obert], count of Mell[ent] to F[romund] de Sturmenistre and all his servants. Know that I have surrendered to St. Peter of Montacute the toll of all who trade at Waram.

**No. 129.** Charter of Richard (*sic*), earl of Leicester, concerning the grant of the houses of Herlewyn the painter at Warham quit of all fines and customs.

Robert, earl of Leicester, to Fromund de Sturministra and all his men French and English. Know that I have granted and given as my father granted and gave to St. Peter of Montacute the houses of Herlewin the painter at Waram quit of all fines and customs.

**No. 130.** Charter of Gunfred de Wermewelle concerning the gift of the church of Wermewelle with three shillings.

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Gunfred de Wermewelle, with the consent of Geoffrey his son and heir, and of Alvred de Nichole his lord, gives and as far as belongs to the lord of the soil grants the church of St. Mary of Wermewelle to the monks of Holne in frank almoiñ, free and quit of all lay service. And since the aforesaid church is now occupied (*impersonata*) by Robert the deacon, he grants that the aforesaid brethren of Holne shall have of his fee in my aforesaid town three shillings of land until the said church shall fall to them. Executed in the presence of William, prior of Montacute; Ralph de Givelcester, then prior of Holne, and his fellow monk Walter.

Witnesses:—Robert Germein; Andrew de Nichole; Bardulph Picot; William de Staford; Neel de Staforde; Alvred Franceis; Wlward Wider; Roger the scribe; A. de Nichole.

**No. 131.** Charter of Edgar surnamed Aquilinus, concerning twelve pence with a tithe of the bread of his house and of the fishing.

Edgar surnamed Aquilinus, for the souls of himself, his father and mother, and especially for the soul of his wife Mazelina, grants to St. Mary of Holne a rent of twelve pence on the feast of St. Michael. Adam, his son and heir, has approved of this grant in the presence of Sir Alvred de Lincoln, the patron of Holne, and of the lady Albereda his wife. Moreover he has granted a tithe of the bread of his house when he shall be residing there, and also of the fishing in that place.

Witnesses:—Sir Alvred de Lincoln, the lady Albereda his wife, and his son Sir Alvred the younger; Sir Eustace de Stokis; Nicholas Francigena; Andrew de Lincoln; Roger de Tolosa; Laurence the clerk; William de Cari; Richard Bastard.

**No. 132.** Charter of King Henry concerning the grant of the land of Holne.

Henry, King of England, to Roger, bishop of Salisbury and Warin, the sheriff and all the barons of Dorset. Know that I grant to Alfred de Lincoln to hold in fee the land of Holne, as Grimald the physician (*medicus*) sold it to him.

Witnesses:—Roger, bishop of Salisbury; Ranulph] the chancellor; William Tancervill; John Baioc[ensis]. At Winchester.

**No. 133.** Charter of King Henry to the earl of Gloucester that he may allow the man of Warham to have his liberty.

Henry, King of England, &c. to the earl of Gloucester and his bailiffs of Warham. I direct you that you may allow the monks of Montacute and their man of Warham to have their liberties which they had in the time of King Henry my grandfather. And unless you have done this, let the sheriff of Dorset do it.

Witness, the archdeacon of Poitiers. At Bichenoure.

**No. 134.** Charter of Alvred de Lincoln concerning the gift of the land of Gillingeham and of Bruge near Waymoe with the men.

Alvred de Lincoln gives and grants to Saints Peter and Paul of Montacute and the monks there all his land of Gyllinge豪ham and all his land of Bruge near Waymoe with the men and all other belongings quit of all secular services.

Witnesses:—Andrew de Lincoln; Robert German; Wuluuard Wyder; Roger my secretary.

**No. 135.** Charter of W[alter] de Meleb[uri] concerning one messuage with a curtilage which is called de la Broke and eight acres of land and three perches of meadow-land with pasture, &c., with haibote and housbote.

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Walter de Meleburi grants and charter confirms to Saints Peter and Paul and the monks of Montacute, one messuage with a curtilage which is called de La Broke, and two acres of land in the northern part of Cuttwlle, one acre in Pukeputte, one acre in Athelinge Acre, and four acres near the southern part of Stoke acre, and three perches of meadow-land on the east of the water of La Hulde and Letham, and two oxen, three cows, twelve sheep, and three pigs quit of pannage and herbage in the common pasture. Moreover the man who holds of the aforesaid monks the messuage with the curtilage and the said land shall have 'haibote' and 'husbote' in his wood under the supervision of his forester or of his bailiff, and as much dead wood (*mortbois*) as is necessary for fuel (*in ignem*).

Witnesses:—Jordan Oliver; William de Dunmere, knights; Robert de Hewenebere; Robert de Dilintune; Ralph de Cinnock; Robert de Aula of Montacute; William Harm.

**No. 136.** Charter of Richard de Lestra, concerning Baresfeld.

Richard de Lestra, with the advice of his uncle William and other friends, and of his men, grants and restores, to the church and brethren of Montacute for the souls of his father and mother, etc., and for the welfare of his lord, Earl Baldwin, etc., the land of Baresfeld with all that pertains to it, free from all secular service as well royal as his own. Moreover the prior and brethren of the above-named place have relinquished their part

of the tithes of the church of Dirministune into his hands to dispose of as, canonically and under God, he may desire. They have granted and relinquished also to him their tithe of Bichehella, reserving unto themselves twelve pence, which they are always to receive annually on the feast of St. Michael, by way of recognition, by the hands of those who shall hold the said tithe. For this confirmation, however, the aforesaid prior and monks are to mercifully condone, as well to his father as to himself and all his counsellors and aiders, whatever they may have offended against them, and to cause to be observed an anniversary of his father's obit at Montacute and at Cluny, and there are to be sung twenty trentals of masses and one hundred psalters for the souls of his father Jordan and of his grandfather William de Lestra.

Witnesses:—William de Lestra; Adam; William; Richard dean of Crich; Roger son of Adalaide; Richard de Croci; William son of Ralph; William son of Osbert; Roger son of Nicholas; Ansger; William Dagger; Hamo; Richard the miller.

No. 137. Confirmation of Sir John de Sancto Johanne concerning Weoleghe. Fol. 61.

John de Sancto Johanne knight, son of Sir John de Sancto Johanne, knight, to all the faithful in Christ. Whereas Henry de Port, John de Port, son of the same Henry, Adam de Port, son of the said John de Port, and William de Sancto Johanne, son of the said Adam de Port, my progenitors, by their charters and confirmations which I have inspected, granted in frankalmoin to the church and monks of Montacute all that land of Warneford which is called Weoleghe; I, the said John, son of John de Sancto Johanne, knight, confirm, according to the tenor of this present writing, to Saints Peter and Paul of Montacute, as also to brother Stephen, the prior of the aforesaid house, to the convent of the same and their successors, all the aforesaid gifts, grants, and confirmations of my progenitors.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard de Borhonte, Sir James de Nortone, Sir Bartholomew Pecche, Sir Richard de Porteseye, knights; Sir William de Sancto Johanne, parson of the church of Warne-

ford ; John de Basing ; James de Molyns ; Philip de Claverlee ; Thomas de Marisco ; and others.

Dated at London on the Thursday the feast of the Nativity of St. John Baptist, in the ninth year of the reign of King Edward, son of King Edward. [A.D. 1316.]

**No. 138.** Charter of Simon son of Hugh, concerning the gift of the church of Holecombe, with the land of La Heghe, and half a virgate of land with houses and curtilages there, etc.

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Simon son of Hugh\* gives in frank almoin, to the brethren of the church of Montacute serving God at Karswelle, the church of St. Mary of Holecumbe, with the land of La Heghe, and all its belongings, and half a virgate of land from the eastern part of Holecumbe with the houses and curtilages.

Witnesses :—Bartholomew the archdeacon ; Stephen, prior of Tantone ; Aibrich, prior of Leghe ; Gilbert de Chagford ; Robert Bulger ; Roger de Milli ; Robert de Morleghe ; Robert de Flore.

**No. 139.** Charter of the aforesaid Simon concerning one ferling of land with two shillings from one garden.

Simon son of Hugh\* gives to the church of St. Mary of Karswille one ferling of land, which Godrich Goghes held, on this condition that what land is wanting below the road may be made good in the upper part of the road near the dwelling of the villein (*rusticus*), moreover the garden which the aforesaid villein held, free and quit of all service except the king's service. This land pays annually two shillings, which are to be paid at the feast of St. Matthew, that therefrom monks may be procured on the day of the anniversary of Matilda the grantor's wife, one of whom on the same day shall celebrate the divine office for the soul of the aforesaid Matilda.

Witnesses :—Roger and Azo, priests ; Walter, priest of Sanford ; William Peverel ; Hugh Peverel ; Hugh de Pino ; Richard Peverel son of William Peverel ; Hugh my son ; Master Adam.

**No. 140.** Charter of the aforesaid Simon concerning the gift, confirmation and quit-claim of the aforesaid church of Holecombe.

\* *Hugonis*, apparently an error for *Rognonis*.

Simon son of Rogo, to all the sons of holy mother church, etc. Know that whereas I had a long time since granted the church of St. Mary of Holecumbe and all rights in the advowson of that church with all the things belonging to it, to the monks of Montacute, according to the tenor of my charter, which they have ; long after the execution of that gift I have unjustly and with a certain unreasonable will retained a moiety of the aforesaid church vacant, and have prevented the aforesaid monks from having free power therein. Now, however, later repenting and reflecting that I have in this manner grievously sinned, I have begged for, and, by the grace of God and of the said prior and monks, have faithfully obtained mercy. Therefore, with all devotion, I resign to the aforesaid prior and monks that half which I unjustly detained, similarly with the other half, so that they may fully possess all right in the advowson of the whole of the said church of Holecumbe free from all secular service. And, because I wish that none of my heirs may be able to claim any right in the said church of Holecumbe, or in any part thereof, or cause any hindrance to the aforesaid monks, I have again given and granted, as far as the lord of the soil can give, the original donation made by me. Done in full county [court] at Exeter in the year of our Lord 1206.

Witnesses :—Ralph de Mor[a], then sheriff ; Hugh Peverel de Sanford ; Richard Flandr[ensis] ; Richard Peverel of Ermintone ; Fol. 63. Robert de Campell[is] ; Hugh son of William ; William Lampree ; Robert de Sildene ; Ralph de Oreweye ; Humphrey de Stures ; Robert Avenel ; William the clerk ; Richard de Hockesham ; William Lovel ; Richard the clerk, son namely of Master Adam de Talleton.

**No. 141.** Charter of the lady Matilda Peverel concerning a gift of land in the wood of Karswelle with the town of Estcote, &c., and the church of Ermintone with lands, tenements, men, &c.

Matilda Peverel grants in frank almoин, to the church and monks of Montacute serving God at Karswelle, the place, land and wood of Karswelle, and the town of Estcote and all its belongings, and the church of Ermintone, with the lands, tenements, men, and other matters of all kinds belonging to the said church ;

to be held free and quit of scutages and other secular exactions of all kinds, royal and otherwise, performing nothing for the aforesaid except divine service for the living and the dead.

Witnesses:—Durand, prior of Montacute; William, my chaplain; Richard, clerk of Ermintone; Richard Peverel; Hugh Peverel; William son of Hamelin; William Aket; Winebald Segare; Pret; Jouig (*sic*).

No. 142. Charter of the aforesaid Matilda concerning the gift of the aforesaid church of Ermintone.

Matilda Peverel, for her soul and for the soul of R. de Revers, who gave her the manor of Ermintone, grants in frankalmoine, to the monks of Montacute serving God at Karswelle, the church of Ermintone with all its appurtenances for the maintenance of the same monks dwelling at Karswelle.

Witnesses:—Durand, prior of Montacute; William, my chaplain; Richard, clerk of Ermintone; Richard Peverel; Hugh Peverel; William son of Hamelin; William Aket; Winebald Segare; Pret; Jouis.

No. 143. Charter of N[icholas], legate of the Apostolic see, concerning a moiety of the aforesaid church.

Nicholas, bishop of Tusculum, legate of the Apostolic see, to all the sons of holy mother church, etc. Our beloved son R[oger], archdeacon of Essex, has laid before us, that whereas he had, by R. Peverel, clerk of the diocese of Exeter, been drawn into a suit, before the archdeacon of Exeter and his co-judges delegates of the Apostolic see, concerning a moiety of the church of Ermintone, which the same archdeacon had held, the same judges in that suit, proceeding somewhat illegally *causa rei servande*, gave to the said R. Peverel the aforesaid portion of that church, although their jurisdiction had at that time been revoked and committed by the Pope to G[ilbert], bishop of Rochester, of good memory, and his co-judges. The said archdeacon because, as he has alleged, nearly a year has elapsed since the said delegation (*missionem*) has, on the vigil of the Blessed Virgin in the 17th year of the pontificate of Pope Innocent III, offered

security to steadfastly abide by the judgment of the church, and has besought that his possession which he previously had may be restored to him.

Dated at Suwerke on the 19th of the kalends of September.

**No. 144.** Charter of H. Peverel concerning the land of Buelle.

H. Peverel, lord of Samford, for the welfare of himself and Cicely his wife, &c., grants to St. Peter and the monks of Montacute the whole land of Buelle, which the lady Matilda Peverel had before given to the same prior and monks for celebrating her anniversary every year. To hold the same in frank almoi, free and quit of all exaction and service except royal service. The same prior and monks have granted to him, his wife Cicely and all his heirs, full fellowship in the Cluniac church, and especially in the church of Montacute and in all services which they hold there, as well in vigils as in fasts and in other regular disciplines, and especially in mass for the dead (*de cimiterio pro defunctis*), mass of St. Mary for the living, matutinal mass and the greater mass: and in the house of Kerswell, which shall receive the profit of the aforesaid land, two masses shall be celebrated every week, one for the living and one for the dead. And the monk of Kerswell is enjoined to do this faithfully.

Witnesses:—On my part, William of Rouen (*de Rotomag*); Simon son of Rogo; Richard Flandr[ensis]; Robert de Campbell[is]; and my hundred [court] of Samford.

On the part of the monks, God and conventional truth.

**No. 145.** Charter of William Peverel of Sanford concerning the gift of ten shillings from Behulle, and ten shillings from Childe-lumene, and ten shillings from Renetone, and two shillings from Fol. 65. the mill-pool of West Wytehedfeld, and five quarters of wheat from the mill of Talletone.

William Peverelle of Sanforde, son of Hugh Peverelle, of Sanford, with the consent of his heirs, grants, to the House of Karswelle, in frank almoi, ten shillings from Behulle, which was Alexander de Behulle's, near to the 'dominicatura' of the lord of Sanford: and ten shillings from Childe-lumene, which the prior of Leghe was accustomed formerly to pay to us: and ten shillings

from Reuetune ; and from the mill-pool of Wytehedfelde two shillings to be paid to the house of Karswelle: and from the mills of Taletone five quarters of wheat (*siliginis*) at the four terms of the year, namely, at Easter one quarter, at the feast of St. John Baptist one quarter, at the feast of St. Michael two quarters, at Christmas one quarter, under penalty of half a mark for non-payment at any such term ; until I, William Peverelle of Sanforde or my heirs, shall have provided sixteen shillings of land, or a rent of sixteen shillings, in place of the said five quarters of wheat, for the maintenance of a secular chaplain, who shall celebrate divine services for me and for the souls of Christina my wife, Hugh Peverelle my father, and Cicely my mother, &c., every day of his life in the house of Karswelle at the altar of the blessed Virgin Mary and of the blessed Mary Magdalene. And should he fail to perform this service, he may be removed by me William Peverelle of Sanforde, or my heirs, or by whomsoever may be lord of Sanforde ; but he shall not be removed without reasonable cause nor on account of age or infirmity. And the said chaplain shall swear fealty to the house and service in which he is maintained, and every chaplain shall wear the sign of the Cluniac order, namely, the key of St. Peter, and shall enjoy the privileges of the Cluniac order the same as the monks or converts. And if I, William Peverelle of Sanforde, or my heirs, or whoever may be lord of Sanforde, within forty days of the death of a chaplain, shall not appoint another, let the chapter of St. Nicholas of Exeter, within eight days of the expiration of the said forty, appoint a suitable secular chaplain. And the prior and monks of Karswelle shall have the same power of distraining for rent as we in our time had.

Witnesses :— William de Raleg[a]; Alan Basset ; Randolph Peverelle ; Thomas Peverelle ; Jurdan ; Roger ; Laurence ; Wyot ; Crespin.

No. 146. Cyrograph of Hugh Peverel concerning the form of letters to him and his heirs from the prior of Montacute in the preferment of the prior of Karswelle, &c.

Memorandum that whereas a dispute arose between the prior and convent of Montacute and Sir Hugh Peverel de Sanford

patron of the priory of Karswelle, about the form of letters to be transmitted to the same Hugh and his heirs by the prior of Karswelle appointed by the prior of Montacute to the said priory of Karswelle, it was peaceably settled in this manner, namely, that whoever may be prior of Montacute for the time shall transmit to the before-named patron and his heirs his letters patent, sealed with his sign only, in this form :—

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Prior Montis acuti nobili viro domino Hugoni Peverel, patrono de Karswelle salutem in vero salutari. Noverit discretio vestra nos virum honestum monachum nostrum latorem presentium priorem in cellula nostra de Karswelle constituisse. Quare vos rogamus quatinus ipsum pro Priore habentes eidem gratiam et favorem in omnibus dictam domum contingentibus tanquam loci patronus impartiri velitis. In cuius rei testimonium has literas nostras sigillo nostro signatas vobis transmittimus patentes. Datas etc.

For the security of which, two documents in the form of a cyrograph are executed, one of which sealed with the sign of the said prior and convent remains in the hands of the patron, and the other sealed with the seal of the said patron remains in the hands of the prior and convent. Dated at Tantone, and executed on Wednesday in Easter week, A.D. 1255.

**No. 147.** Charter of Hugh, son of William Peverel, concerning a grant of two shillings, and also concerning his own gift of three shillings from the land of William Haket, etc.

Hugh Peverel son of William Peverel grants and confirms to the church and monks of St. Mary of Kerswelle two shillings, which William his father left to them in his will, from the land of William Hatchet, for the yearly performance of his anniversary. Moreover he gives to the aforesaid church and monks, for the souls of himself, his ancestors and successors, three shillings from the tenement of the aforesaid William Hatchet, to be paid annually on the feast of St. Michael with the aforesaid two shillings ; on condition that the abovesaid three shillings shall be assigned for a nocturnal light in the church before the altar of the Blessed Mary. And should the said William Hatchet, or whoever may hold the aforesaid tenement, not pay the said five shillings on the feast of St. Michael, the prior of Kerswelle shall have full power, without any hindrance from the lord of the soil, to compel him

through the chattels of the land (*per catalla terre*) to pay the said five shillings speedily. Moreover, should anyone presume to act in contradiction of this my gift, let him understand that five priests with lighted candles have pronounced sentence of Anathema against him on the day on which this gift was made.

Witnesses:—Simon son of Rogo; and William his son; Simon del Pin; William de Punchard[on]; Master Adam de Taletone; Ranulph Peverel; Thomas Peverel; Roger le Guiz.

**No. 148.** Charter of Hugh concerning a gift of two shillings by R[ichard] de Hydone from the mill-pool of Wytehethfeld at Frielond within the manor of Aure.

Hugh Peverel of Sanford, knight, for the souls of himself and of Margery his wife, &c., grants to the church and monks of St. Mary of Karswelle two shillings annual rent, which Richard de Hydone was wont to pay to him for his mill-pool of Wytehethfeld on his fee at Fryelond within the manor of Aure in the farmed part; to be received from the said Richard or whoever may be tenant of the said pool, at two terms of the year, namely, at the feast of St. Michael twelve pence, and at Easter twelve pence. He gives also to the said church and monks full power by their attorneys to break and weaken the said pool as often as the said annual rent may be withheld from them. But should the said rent fail by reason of the non-maintenance of the said pool or mill, so that the monks are unable to recover the said rent, he grants that the bailiffs of his said manor of Aure shall pay it out of the rent of the manor.

Fol. 67. Witnesses:—Robert le Engleis; Robert de Klestewelle; John Noman; William le Engleis; Richard de la Forde; John le Chamberlenk.

**No. 149.** Charter of Jordan son of Rogo, concerning the release and quit-claim of one ferling of land, with the appurtenances, called Ly Ytherlond.

Jordan son of Rogo, lord of Holycombe, quit-claims to the monks of Kerswelle all his right in one ferling of land, with its appurtenances in Holecombe, called Ly Ytherlond, which ferling of land with its appurtenances Nicholas the smith held in the

same town. So that the said monks of Kerswelle may hold the said ferling of land and its appurtenances in the name of their church of Holecumbe, free and quit of all manner of vexation or anxiety, saving to the above mentioned church of Holycumbe the service of one mortar burning in the same church every night throughout the year, and one wax candle of a pound weight every year on the feast of St. Michael at the altar of St. Michael in the same church.

Witnesses:—Sir Hugh Peverel de Sanford, Sir William Everad, Sir Rogo son of Simon, knights: William de Britteville; Reginald Bloyh; Adam Goye.

**No. 150.** Confirmation of Hugh Peverel concerning the house of Careswylle and the town with Estcote and all its appurtenances, and that the monks there pay due obedience and reverence to the prior and convent of Montacute.

Hugh Peverel, lord of Samforde, for the welfare of himself and of Cicely his wife, &c., grants to the church of Montacute the house of Kerswelle and the town with Estcote and all other its appurtenances, free and quit of scutage and all secular exaction; but the monks resident at Kerswelle shall perform the service of God and pay due obedience and reverence to the prior and convent of Montacute.

Witnesses:—Simon son of Rogo; Baldwin de Belestane; Robert de Sicca villa; Richard de Hiddon; Roger Cola, clerk; Master Sampson.

**No. 151.** Charter of Robert son of Martin, concerning the gift of <sup>fol. 68.</sup> the manor of Teentone, &c.

Robert son of Martin grants his manor of Teentone, with all its appurtenances and liberties, to the church and monks of St. Peter of Montacute abiding at Kerswelle in frank almoin, for the souls of Hugh earl of Chester and his wife, &c. and for the welfare of Ranulph earl of Chester and his wife, and for the souls of his father Martin and his mother, Geva, &c.

Witnesses:—Richard Peverel; Simon son of Hugh; Hugh Peverel; Ranulph Peverel; Hugh de Puncard[on]; Geoffrey de Fornels; William the chaplain; Fulk son of Warin; Matilda Peverel; Stephen de Magna villa; William the monk.

No. 152. Chirograph between Roger the prior and the convent of Montacute and Sir N[icholas] son of Martin, concerning two shillings for the farm of the mill-pool of Langge acre.

Roger, 'humilis minister' of the house of Montacute and the convent, grant to farm to Sir Nicholas son of Martin and his heirs the pool of their mill of Langacre in the land of Colump. They grant also to the same Nicholas and his heirs the grinding for their men of Colump. The said Nicholas and his heirs to hold all the above at an annual rent of two shillings, to be paid from the land which Roger de la Were holds in the same place on the feast of St. Michael. And should the monks construct a mill in the manor of Colump, the said grinding shall revert to them, saving to the aforesaid Nicholas and his heirs the beforenamed pool at a reduced rent of twelve pence.

Witnesses:—Sir William de Punction[on], Sir Ralph de Vautort, Sir John de Arundel, Sir Mauger de Saint Aubin, knights; Sir Robert de Turberville; Robert de Sicca villa; Warin de Sicca villa.

No. 153. Charter of Roger de Hele concerning the quit-claim of his right in the land of Bernardesmore and Colun, &c.

Roger de Hele quit-claims to the prior and monks of Montacute all his right which he has claimed, by the King's writ of right in the county of Devon, in the land of Bernardesmore and Culum, saving to him and his heirs all the land of Hele, as freely and fully as he himself held the same on the day on which he began that plea against the aforesaid prior and monks; so that the same prior and monks may have and possess the said lands free and quit of all anxiety and vexation of him and his heirs. For this his quit-claim, however, the said prior and monks have given him ten marks.

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Witnesses:—Simon son of Rogo, my lord, who has warranted the aforesaid lands as his and his ancestors' alms to the aforesaid prior and monks in full county [court] of Devon, and has appended his seal to this charter with mine; Hugh Peverel; Richard de Hidone; Richard of Bath (*de Batonia*); Richard de Forda; Richard de Sancto Georgio; Bartholomew, a servant;

Simon son of Rogo ; Geoffrey le Waleys (*Walensis*) ; Richard le Waleys (*Walensis*).

**No. 154.** Charter of Jocelin de Hele concerning the quit-claim of his right in the land of Colum, which is called Wetenelonde.

Jocelin de Hele quit-claims to the prior and convent of Montacute all his right in the land of Culm, which is called La Wetenelonde.

Witnesses :—Sir Jordan son of Rogo, Sir Warin Sechevile, Sir William de Curtenay, knights ; Robert Sechevile ; Henry de Culrintone ; John de Culrintone.

**No. 155.** Charter of William son of Rogo, concerning the gift of the land of Colum and Bernardesmore with the land of Paddockesbroke, &c.

William son of Rogo grants to Arnald the prior and the monks of Montacute the land of Culm with Bernardesmore and all other their appurtenances : and in Culentone the land of Paddockesbroke with its appurtenances, free of all exaction and secular service.

Witnesses :—Askatill and William, priests ; William son of Rogo ; Fulk Claud ; Humphrey and Johel and William, sons of Simon ; Walter Cosct ; Robert my son ; Richard son of Simon ; Nicholas and Godfrey ; Robert and Adam, servants of the prior.

**No. 156.** Charter of Simon son of Rogo, concerning the grant of all which William son of Rogo gave to us, namely, the land of Colum with the land of Paddockesbroke, &c.

Simon son of Rogo confirms to the monks of Montacute all that William son of Rogo gave to the church of Montacute, namely the manor of Culm with all its appurtenances, and the land of Paddockesbroke, which yields ten shillings, with all its appurtenances in Culintone ; so that the church and monks of Montacute may hold the same freely and fully, in wood and plain, in pastures, moors and alder-groves, in waters and mills, parks and fisheries, with all liberties and free customs. His memory, however, and that of all the faithful, is to be persistently

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kept with all devotion in the Cluniac church, and especially in the church of Montacute. Wherefore he wills that the aforesaid monks of Montacute shall have and possess the said manor and land free of all service, except the King's service for the land of Paddockesbroke, and besides one monkish gown (*pelliciam monialem*) and one pair of monkish boots, which the aforesaid monks are held to render annually to him and his heirs on the feast of St. Martin, as they were wont to render to all his ancestors.

Witnesses:—Richard de Hidune; Rogo, my son; Ralph de Remin; Bartholomew, my servant; Robert de Tyntehelle; William the cook; Ralph the porter; William Luvel.

**No. 157.** Charter of Jordan son of Rogo, concerning the inspection of the charters of his ancestors as to grants which they made to us, and which the same Jordan has confirmed, with other matters.

Jordan son of Rogo, knight, lord of Holecumbe, having heard and inspected the charters and confirmations of his ancestors, William son of Rogo and Simon son of Rogo his grandfather, as to the grants which they made to the monks of Montacute and Kerswelle in frank almoyn, willingly confirms the same, namely the manor of Culump with the land of Bernardesmore and Paddockesbroke and la Wetenelonde with all their appurtenances, the advowson of the church of Holecumbe with the land of La Hegghe and the land of La Forde in Holecumbe and the land of Bottecumbe with all their appurtenances. Executed in the year of grace 1257.

Witnesses:—Sir Nicholas de Bolleville; Sir William de Bolleville; Sir William Everard; William de la Lade; John de Cilterne; Nicholas Quarel of Bruges; Adam Goye; Henry de la Broke; Richard de Karetto; Ralph de Tantone.

**No. 158.** Charter of Richard son of Earl (?) Baldwin, concerning his grant, which he made to us, of the land of Colum, which William son of Rogo gave to us quit and free.

Richard son of Baldwin, to all his vassals (*fidelibus suis*). Know that William son of Rogo has given the land of Colump to the monks of St. Peter of Montacute, and I, Richard son of Baldwin grant to them the same land quit and free of all service,

for the souls of King William and King William his son, and for my own soul and that of Baldwin my father, &c.

Witnesses:—Walter the steward (*dap*) ; Serlo and Ralph, sons of William ; Hugh son of Rogo, and William his younger brother ; Richard, son of Flohere. And this I do for King Henry, and for the souls of King William, of his son and Queen Matilda.

**No. 159.** Charter of Jordan son of Rogo concerning the release of one gown and one pair of boots.

Jordan son of Rogo, lord of Holecumbe, releases to the monks of Montacute one monkish gown and one pair of monkish boots, which they were wont to give to him annually on the feast of St. Martin, from the land of Culump and of Paddockesbroke. Executed in the year of grace 1256. Fol. 71.

Witnesses:—Sir William Everad, knight ; Master William, rector of the church of Estkokere ; Master Thomas de Barewe ; Sir Humphrey, vicar of Hywis ; William de la Lade ; Adam Goye ; Henry de la Broke.

**No. 160.** Charter of Richard Peverel to Robert, bishop of Exeter and others, concerning the gift of a member named Amerise belonging to Colum.

Richard Peverel to his lord, Robert bishop of Exeter, &c., announcing that he has granted to the church of St. Peter of Montacute a certain member by name Amerise, belonging to Colump.

Witnesses:—Edward the chamberlain (*Cam*) ; Daniel Quintin ; Turgis the priest ; Roger de Milli ; Aufrid ; Richare ; Robert the butler ; Baldwin de Hiela ; Ralph the clerk.

**No. 161.** Cyrograph between the church of Montacute and William Giffard concerning the sluice of their mill of Leghe.

Covenant made between the church of Montacute and William Giffard, lord of Were, namely, that the same William, by the consent of the monks of Montacute, shall farm the sluice of their mill at Leghe, on this condition, that the prior of the said church, or his chamberlain, or anyone who shall represent them in the manor of Leghe, may grind at the same mill without toll,

immediately, whenever he may come, after the first grinding. Moreover he shall have half of all the fish of any kind which may be taken there. And should it happen that the mill or the mill-pool be in any way broken, it shall be repaired from the stone and land of the monks which is near, without damage to the productive land. On this account however the aforesaid William Giffard has abandoned his charge against the men whom he had formerly accused at Lege, and is received into the fraternity of the church of Montacute, having sworn upon the Four Gospels to observe the terms of this covenant.

Witnesses:—William the usher; Hugh de Hamtunesford; William de Quercu; Robert Giffard; William son of Philip; Richard de Fauceia; William de Rupe; Simon de Hulecumbe; Richard de Grindehele.

**No. 162.** Charter of Osbert de Jai concerning the quit-claim of half a ferling of the land of Jai.

Osbert de Gai, son of Robert de Jai, quit-claims to the church of St. Peter of Montacute, and the prior and monks there, all his right in half a ferling of the land of Jai, to hold in frank almoин.

Witnesses:—Hamelin de Bollai; Ralph de Oreweie; Walter Bute; Adam de Babbecumbe; Hameline de Fetha-fenne; Salver de Pudarigger; Ailmer de la Rewe; Walter de Fentune; Robert de Hoceshalle; Simon de Fentune.

**No. 163.** Charter of Ralph Red concerning the quit-claim of his right in the land of Fentone.

**No. 164.** [Charter of Ranulph, King Henry's physician, concerning land in the marsh of Mendelgif with his free chapel, &c.]

Ranulph, physician to King Henry, by permission of the King, Sir Robert de Haia consenting, grants to St. Triac and the monks of Montacute at Malpas, all his land in the marsh of Mendelgif with his free chapel, namely, two hundred and thirty-three acres of land and all his fisheries as well in the Ebbeth as in the Usk. And should any wreck from river or sea be cast upon the aforesaid land, as it was his so it shall be theirs. This aforesaid land, with the chapel, &c., Sir Robert de Haia, then

lord of Gunlioc, allowing the same, Henry, king of England, had given to Ranulph and his heirs, and inasmuch as he has assumed their monastic habit he had constituted the said monks his heirs.

Witnesses:—My lord King Henry; Sir Robert de Haia; Ranulph, the King's chancellor; Winebald de Balun; William, then sheriff of Kaerüiff; Robert Sor; Roger de Sumeri; Robert, son of Joce; Herbert de Saint Quintin; Landomar Ace; Aldred de Nichole (Lincoln), and Robert his son.

**No. 165.** Charter of R[obert], earl of Gloucester, son of the King, concerning the gift and confirmation of what Robert de Haia and Ranulf, the King's physician, gave us, together with thirty-six shillings which the same Robert gave us.

Robert, earl of Gloucester, son of the King, for his own welfare, and that of the countess Mabel, his wife, confirmed to Saint Triac and the monks of Montacute serving God at Malpas, all the gifts which Robert de Haia gave to them, namely the town of Malpas, with the church and the lands which they have in the marsh of Mendelgif of the gift of Ranulf, the King's physician, who was afterwards one of the monks. He grants to them, moreover, thirty-six shillings yearly on Saint Michael's day from his castle of Newport (*Novo burgo*) to be received out of the tithes of the rents of Gunlion. He wishes them to hold all the aforesaid in frank almoine, and to have their free court just as he does in all pleas. And should it be needful he directs that they have the assistance of his bailiffs for holding their court. He grants also that their men shall be free from all exaction and service, and quit of custom and toll in all his fairs and markets.

Witnesses:—The countess Mabel; Robert Noreis (*Norense*) William de Berkerole. The sixth of the Kalends of August, A.D. 1132. At Kaerdyf.

**No. 166.** Charter of the aforesaid Robert concerning the confirmation of the land of Malpas with the church and 230 acres of land in the moors of Gunlion. Fol. 75.

Robert, earl of Gloucester, son of the King, to all his men, French, English, and Welsh. For the welfare of his own soul,

and that of Mabel his wife, &c., he confirms to the church of St. Peter of Montacute, all the land of Malpas and the church of the same place, and two hundred and thirty acres of land in the moors of Gunlion, just as Robert de Haia had given all these before. To be held in frank almoин by the monks serving there with all liberties which the same Robert had. Moreover, he grants the whole tithe of his rents from Gunlion, except the tithe of pleas and those tithes which are held by the church of Baselet.

Witnesses:—The countess Mabel; William the steward; Richard the constable; Robert Sor: Warin the clerk. At Craneberne.

**No. 167.** Charter of Roger de Mandaville concerning the mill of Erlestokes with the adjoining land, the man of the mill and his progeny, and the grinding of the men of the said town.

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Roger de Mandaville, for the soul of Stephen his father, who died in an engagement on the road to Jerusalem, and for the welfare of his own soul, &c., grants in frank almoин to the church of Montacute his mill of Erlestokes with the adjoining land, and the man of the mill with all his progeny, and the grinding at the same mill of his men of the same town.

Witnesses:—Roger de Mandaville and Ralph Patrich, my uncles; Alan de Falesia; Warin de Aula; William son of Theoderic; Ranulf de Cirisie; Roger de Habboville; Herebert de Pinu; Richard Malesars and Julian Malesars; Richard de Montacute; Bernard son of Reinald; Herebert de Monasteriis.

**No. 168.** Charter of the aforesaid Roger concerning the said mill, land, man with his progeny, and suit of the men, with the mill of Gosford with the adjoining land in exchange for our land of Dunieth, &c.

Roger de Mandaville, for the soul of Stephen his father, who died in an engagement on the road to Jerusalem, and for his own welfare, &c., granted in frank almoин to the church of St. Peter of Montacute and the brethren there, his mill of Stoches with the adjoining land, and the man of the mill with all his progeny, and suit of his men of the same town to be made at the same mill. He gives also to the same brethren his mill of Gosford with the

adjacent land in exchange for their land of Duniett, and the churches of Odecumbe and Ciseberge. For this gift, however, the said brethren have undertaken to perform a yearly anniversary of his father, and have granted to him participation in all the benefits of their order.

Witnesses:—Roger de Mandaville; Ralph Patrich, my uncles; Alan de Falesia; Warin de Aula; William son of Theoderic; Ranulph de Cirisie; Roger de Habboville; Herebert de Pinu; Richard Malesars; Richard de Montacute; Bernard son of Reinald; Herebert de Monasteriis.

No. 169. Charter of Alvred Butler concerning the gifts of the church of Elerky in Cornwall, with a hamlet of land which is called Penarde, &c.

Alvred Butler, for his own welfare and that of his lord <sup>Fol. 77.</sup> William, count of Mortain, &c., grants in frank almoин to the church and monks of Montacute, the church of Lerky in Cornwall, with a hamlet in the same manor called Pennarde, and the lands of Melebery and Wydecombe, lands also which are called Forde and Denewoldesham, Leghe, and Frisemham, and two parts of the tithes of Acforde, and the tithe of Chinnoc, and a moiety of the tithes of Chiselberge and Clafforde, Nortone near Tantone, and half a hide of land which was Sibert's.

Witnesses:—Ranulph the chaplain; Stephen the chaplain; Richard son of Turald; Hervey Avenel; Britellus de Sancto Claro; William de Lestra; Reginald de Valle torta; Hugh de Torta quercu.

No. 170. Charter of Sir John de Montacute concerning the aforesaid land of Pennard, &c.

John de Montacute, grants to the monks of Montacute the land of Pennard, which he has recovered in the King's court from William de Tykembret. To be held of him and his heirs freely and fully as is testified by the charters of his ancestors, which also he confirms with the gift itself. The aforesaid monks, however, have received him as a partaker in all the benefits which from time to time they may perform, so that upon hearing of his death they will perform for him as much as for a Cluniac monk as well in masses as in other offices in the aforesaid church.

Witnesses:—Robert de Dive, then prior of the hospital; William son of Henry, then sheriff of Somerset and Dorset; Philip de Purie; Maurice de Borham; Julian de Pokhulle.

No. 171. Inspection of the abbot of Syreburne and the prior of Medeltone, of a certain bull of Pope Gregory concerning the tithes of Fauintone and Fawymore.

The abbot of Sireburne and the prior of Middeltone have received a Papal mandate in these words:—

Gregorius episcopus servus servorum dei dilectis filiis Abbatii de Sireburne et Priori de Middeltone Sarum diocesis salutem et apostolicam benedictionem. Conquesti sunt nobis Prior et conventus Montis Acuti Cluniacensis ordinis quod Abbas et conventus de Mochelne et quidam alii Bathonie, Exonie, Sarum civitatum et diocesum super possessionibus, decimis, debitis et rebus aliis injuriantur eisdem. Quo circa discretioni vestre per apostolica scripta mandamus quatinus partibus convocatis audiatis causam et appellatione remota fine debito terminetis, facientes quod decreveritis per censuram ecclesiasticam firmiter observari. Testes autem qui fuerint nominati si se gracia, odio vel timore subtraxerint, per censuram eandem appellatione cessante cogatis veritati testimonium perhibere. Datum Viterbi vi. Nonarum Maii, pontificatus nostri anno undecimo.

On the authority, therefore, of this mandate, when the prior and convent of Montacute had brought the prior and convent of Launceston<sup>1</sup> before us in a cause concerning all the tithes arising from the demesne of Fawitone, and from Fawimore, and concerning the chapel built on the same moor, and it had been sufficiently argued for a while between the parties appearing, by an amicable arrangement between them the dispute was at length settled in this way, namely, that the said prior and convent of Launceston shall receive two parts of the tithes arising from the said demesne of Fawitone as they have hitherto been accustomed. As to the lands, however, newly brought and to be brought into cultivation, without or within the moor, within or without the demesne, the prior of Launceston shall hereafter receive a moiety of the tithes and the prior of Montacute the other moiety. Saving wholly to the prior and convent of Launceston the tithes of one plough for their own labour and expense of cultivation, and also the small tithes of their own store. In like manner the

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<sup>1</sup> The spelling is uniformly “Lanstanstone.”

prior and convent of Montacute, should they cultivate in the same place at their charges and labour, shall make use of a similar privilege in all things. Moreover the bodies of the dead accruing to the aforesaid chapel shall be buried at the church of St. Neot, to such extent as by consent of the parties the churchyard shall be dedicated to the aforesaid chapel. Moreover the said chapel shall be served at common charges, and all emoluments arising to the same as well from the living as from aforesaid dead shall be ceded in equal portions for common uses. The parties, moreover, have bound themselves mutually by oath to observe faithfully in the future this form of reconciliation, and have submitted themselves to our jurisdiction for ever, so that should either of them, at any time, attempt to act contrary to the said compact, we may be able to compel them to the observance of it by sentence of excommunication or other lawful punishment.

Executed A.D. 1238, on the feast of the apostles Peter and Paul.

**No. 172.** Chirograph between the prior and convent of Montacute and the prior and convent of Launceston concerning the divisions between them of the tithes and revenues of the chapel and land of Fawymore, &c., as here shown.

This chirograph witnesses that the following are the bounds between the prior and convent of Montacute and the prior and convent of Launceston in Fawimore, within which they ought to receive against waste, and divide between them in equal portions, all tithes and revenues as well from the living as the dead, namely, from Fawy water ascending through Smalecumbe as far as Bremegellon-way towards the south, and so by that way as far as la Muchelewrthe, and thence by the water descending to Halgersant, and so ascending through Halgersant to the bounds between the land of Sir Ralph de Suleigny and the land of Hamet, and along those bounds to Loueyn water, and from Louyn by the bounds between the land of Ralph de Suleigne and the land of Trebennock, and thence as far as the pools, and from the pools to the Long Stone, and from the Long Stone as far as the bounds between the land of the said Ralph de Suleigne and the land of Bernard, and thence by the bounds

of the land of the said Ralph de Suleigne and the land which was Robert de Lutrot's, and thence by the bounds as far as Duy, and so along Duy to the head of Duy, and from the head of Duy to the bounds of Merifeld, and thence to Mindaldur water, and by Mildaldur water as far as Temple causeway, and thence by the bounds of the land of Fawitone and the land of Blustone as far as Pontyesu. Moreover the prior and convent of Launceston can never in the future exact anything from the tithes of the parish of St. Neot outside the beforementioned limits except only in the demesne of Ralph de Suleigny. But in order that the aforesaid bounds may be faithfully preserved between the aforesaid churches the present writing is drawn up between them in the form of a chirograph and confirmed by the seals of both chapters. Saving to the prior and convent of Launceston all manner of tithes of their land in the same moor which they may have brought into cultivation at their own expense, and similarly to the prior and convent of Montacute, as is contained in the former writing drawn up between them.

Executed A.D. 1241 on Sunday before the feast of the apostles Philip and James.

Witnesses:—Nicholas de Botkennoc; Robert de Draynes; Robert son of Michael; William de Hamet; Benedict de Sancto Neoto.

No. 173. Charter of the prior and convent of Launceston concerning half a mark and another half mark owed to us from the church of Tallan.

G. called prior of Lanstaneton and the convent of the same place of their own free will are bound to pay from the church of Tallan half a mark annually on the feast of St. Michael to the prior and convent of Montacute towards the maintenance of the kitchen of the same house for the quit-claim of the aforesaid church of Tallan and the whole right of the advowson. But as soon as they shall be able to obtain from the said church of Tallan a rent of one mark at least, they will pay to the aforesaid prior and convent of Montacute another half mark annually at Easter.

Witnesses:—Sir Roger, prior of Fromtöne; Robert, dean of Cinnoc; Osbert de Stokes, chaplain; Master Samson de

Fromtone ; Robert de Sancto Marculfo ; Robert de Fromtone, clerk.

**No. 174.** Charter of Nicholas de Tanlan concerning one small acre of land in the parish of St Neot, &c.

Nicholas de Tallan grants to St. Peter and St. Paul of Montacute and the monks of the Cluniac order there, one small acre of land from the land which Balov formerly held, next to the land which Halmer held, containing twenty perches in length and eight in width, to be held of him and his heirs in frank almoin.

Witnesses :—Robert son of William ; Robert de Hokisam ; Thomas de Polgrun ; Peter his son ; Robert de Draynes ; Benedict de Sancto Neoto : Robert de Lanpen.

**No. 175.** Charter of Robert de la Wodelonde concerning the quit-claim of the aforesaid acre of land in the town of St. Neot, &c.

Robert de la Wodelonde, rector of the church of St. Pynnoc, of his own free will, quit-claims to the prior and convent of Montacute and to their church of St. Neot in Cornwall, all his right in one English acre of land in the town of St. Neot, that namely which Nicholas de Tallan assigned to the aforesaid church of St. Neot, as the said acre of land is surrounded by a ditch.

Witnesses :—Master Martin, vicar of St. Neot ; Sir Thomas, vicar of St. Vep ; Peter de Polgrun ; William de Britteville ; Oddo de Lawarnde ; Benedict de Heaumethe ; Robert de la Warnde.

Dated at St. Karroc, on the vigil of St. Cuthbert, A.D. 1262.

**No. 176.** Charter of Ralph de Sulleney concerning the grant of 100 acres of his land of Fawymore in the manor of Fawyntone, etc., with twelve pence annually.

Ralph de Sulleney grants to the prior and convent of Montacute, for the welfare of his soul and that of Olive his wife, &c., one hundred acres of land from his land of Fawymore belonging to his manor of Fawyntone, to hold in frank almoin of him and his heirs by these bounds, namely, from Cuntestone as far as the *blestarium* of William Fis, and so towards the south part, as

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the way extends, as far as opposite the bounds of John de la Morlonde, and so by the bounds of the said John as far as Duwy water, and so by Duwy water ascending as far as Milstone, and so again as far as the stone which is called Cuntestone; rendering thence nothing to himself or his heirs except prayers and twelve pence yearly in recognition of his gift, which the said prior and convent shall pay at Easter.

Witnesses:—Robert son of William; Roger de Treloghe; Bernard de Leu; Savaric de Cinnoc; Robert de Delintone; William de Claville; William de Meleberi; William de Heuneber.

**No. 177.** Quit-claim of Sir J. de Rivers, made to the prior of St. Carroc, of the suit of his court of Treglasta.

John de Rivers, lord of Nantien, quit-claims to Sir Stephen, the prior and the convent of Montacute and their successors, the suit of his court of Treglasta, and all other services which they were accustomed to make to him by their fellow monk, the prior of St. Carroc in Cornwall for the tenement of La Hilonde within the precinct of the aforesaid manor.

Witnesses:—Sir William de Craid, Sir Henry de Boddrig[an], Sir Simon de Craie, knights; Thomas Baldwin; John de Trethewi; Walter de Kenē; William de Bradeley.

Dated at Burgate on Tuesday the feast of All Saints, in the twenty-eighth year of King Edward, son of King Henry.

**No. 178.** Charter of William, bishop of Exeter, concerning five marks due annually to the prior of St. Caroc.

William, bishop of Exeter, wishing to cede the church of St. Nonna in Cornwall to those uses to which he had taken it, and being unwilling that the cell of St. Ceric, which was wont to receive from the said church annually six marks four shillings and three farthings, should in any way be defrauded, has, with the consent of his chapter, granted to the same cell, from the property of his bishopric, five marks to be paid every year in equal portions at those terms upon which it was wont to receive the said pension until a more competent or equal provision shall have been made to the same by him, or any of his successors, which indeed he is bound to do as soon as he conveniently can.

Confirmed by his own seal, and by that of the dean and chapter.

Dated at Exeter, A.D. 1236, on the day before the kalends of June in the 13th year of his consecration.

**No. 179.** William Hakcome, knight and lord of Penpol, for the welfare of his soul, and that of Stephen his son and heir, &c., grants to the church of Montacute, and the monks of the same place serving God at St. Carroc, in frank almoyn all his land in Trauaylward and Bothele in the fee of Manely.

Witnesses:—John de Bello campo, Ralph de Suleyngni, knights; Nicholas de Sancto Neoto; Robert de Dreynenes; Thomas de Polgrein.

**No. 180.** Charter of Robert, bishop of Bath, concerning churches, chapels, and tithes, which he has confirmed to us, and taken <sup>Fol. 105.<sup>1</sup></sup> under his protection &c., and he has anathematized contravengers.

Robert, bishop of Bath, notifies that he has taken under his protection, all possessions within his diocese conferred upon the church of Montacute, and has confirmed them to the monks there, namely, the churches of Cinnoc, Cloueswurde, Criche, Odecumbe, Gerlingetone, and Brimetone, and the chapel of St. Michael of Montacute, with all their appurtenances; the tithes of the demesne of Cinnoc, of Hetsecumbe, of Cilterne, and of Cridelincote, and a moiety of the tithes of the demesnes of Chiselberge and Clafforde, of Nortone of Richard son of William, and of Mersetone of Robert de Bello campo, of Direwinestone, and of Bichehillie. Should any one, cleric or lay, attempt to injure the aforesaid church and monks in any of these possessions, he will incur the displeasure of the Almighty, and sentence of anathema from the bishop unless he repent. Amen.

**No. 181.** Charter of Rainer, bishop of Bath, concerning the grant <sup>Fol. 106.</sup> and confirmation of churches and ecclesiastical benefices, chapels, tithes, pensions, in the aforesaid diocese.

Rainer, bishop of Bath, giving heed to the honesty and religion of the monks of Montacute, on their devout petition, confirms to

<sup>1</sup> Folios 81-105 are wanting.

them all the churches and ecclesiastical benefices which they have in his diocese, namely, the chapel of St. Katherine which is in their burial-place, the churches of Cynnohc, Criche, Mudiford, Odecumbe, Cloueswrde, Tintenhelle, and St. Olave in Yvelchester; the tithes of the demesne of Cynnocke, of Hescecumbe, and of Cridelincote, the tithe of Robert de Bello campo's demesne of Merston, two parts of the tithes of the demesne of Cylterne, a moiety of the tithes of Richard son of William's demesne of Cyselberge, the tithe of the said Richard's demesne of Clafforde and of Nortune; the pensions, likewise, which they were wont to receive as well from the said churches as from other ecclesiastical benefices, namely, from the chapel of St. Katherine of Montacute one mark, from the church of Cynnoc forty shillings, from the church of Criche half a mark, from the church of Mudiford twenty shillings, from the church of Odecumbe forty shillings, from the church of Cloueswrde five shillings, from the church of St. Olave one pound of pepper, from the church of Gerlingstone ten shillings, from the tithe of the demesne of Birkehulle twelve pence. But concerning the church of Tintenhulle the bishop has, on the advice of prudent men, thus ordained, that, in place of the pension, the sacristan of Montacute, on the tenth day before the feast of St. Margaret, shall take the church into his hands, and hold it until the feast, on the feast-day itself, and on the morrow of the feast, with all and all manner of revenues which may accrue there as well from the living as the dead, excepting only the tithes. The bishop, however, has compassionately provided this arrangement towards the work of the sacristy, because it has become known to him, through many trustworthy persons, that the sacristan of Montacute receives little, indeed almost no rents, towards finding lights for the church.

Witnesses:—Hugh, abbot of Muchelene; Thomas, archdeacon of Wells; Richard, dean of Wells; Master Walter de Berl'; William de Meleburne; John de Cumbe; Baldwin, clerk of Stokes; William, chaplain of Montacute; David, the clerk.

Fol. 107. No. 182. Charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, concerning the grant and exemption of certain tithes from certain agreements made between the same and us.

Joceline, bishop of Bath, grants to the prior and convent of Montacute that they shall ever be exempt from all payment of tithes from their demesne which at the time of this his grant they hold within the limits of the parish of the church of Modiforde, which is of his advowson, so long as they shall cultivate it at their own labour and cost. That should they let it or any part of it for cultivation by others, the said church shall take the tithes of all kinds, and when they shall have recovered and cultivated it in demesne at their own labour and cost, they shall for the time be free from the payment of the said tithes. And, that there may be no doubt in the future what land was the demesne at the time of this grant, he has caused it to be plainly expressed by its proper names according to what was settled by the sworn testimony of good men, namely, the lands which are called Bernardescroft, Flexlond, Binethheghe, Binethbure, Estinlond, Blakepol, Acforlang, Middleforlang, la Sulue, Tunforlang, Ferncroft, Fileye, Eldelond, Westinlond, la Breche, and two meadows, namely, Estmede and Northmede, and the mill of Modiford; but the land which the miller himself held is "de vilinagio." Item, William de la Grene held of the demesne five acres in one field, and five in another, and half an acre of meadow. Item, Thomas de la Grene held six acres and a half in the field which is called La breche of the demesne. Item, Brian held five acres in the same field of the demesne. Item, the widow Edith held five perches of land of the demesne. Item, Henry de la Lane held half an acre in the field which is called la sulue of the demesne. Item, Peter son of Ralph, held half an acre in the eastern field of the demesne.

Dated at Wells on the feast of St. Michael, A.D. 1239, the 34th year of his pontificate.

**No. 183.** Inspection and confirmation by the dean and chapter of Wells of the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, concerning the above said grants and confirmations of tithes and other matters.

The chapter of Wells inspect and give their consent to the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath.

Dated in the chapter-house of Wells on the feast of St. Michael, A.D. 1239.

No. 184. Inspection and confirmation by the prior and convent of Bath of the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, concerning the aforesaid grants and confirmations of tithes and other matters.

Thomas, prior of Bath, and the convent of the same place, inspect and give their consent to the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, in their present writing.

Dated in the chapter-house of Bath in the month of October, A.D. 1236.

No. 185. Charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, concerning the churches of Montacute and Cynnok appropriated to us.

Joceline, bishop of Bath, notifies that since brother Mark, called prior of Montacute, and the convent of the same place of the Cluniac order, with the consent of Hugh, abbot of Cluny, have entirely placed under his control the churches of Montacute and Cynnok, in which the said prior and convent possessed the right of patronage, so that he may control and dispose of them according to his own will, he, in reverence of St. Peter, and in consideration of the honesty of the Cluniac order, and the devotion of brother Mark and the convent of Montacute, for increasing and extending charity and hospitality in that house, . . . . . [Incomplete].

Fol. 110 No. 186. [Agreement with the dean and chapter of Wells.]

The prior and convent of Montacute remit all right beyond the aforesaid bounds of the aforesaid moors to the said dean and chapter, and quit-claim the same for ever. They also grant that they themselves will renew and make visible the aforesaid bounds at La Mulelake as often as necessary. And when they shall, by their servants chase or hunt the animals grazing in the aforesaid moor, they grant that the animals of the prior and convent, or of their tenants of Hamme shall be separated from the other animals and liberated on the faith of the men of Hamme themselves or of their servants. Moreover the said dean and chapter quit-claim to the aforesaid prior and convent all their right in the lands and tenements of the said prior and convent, or of their tenants in Hamme-juxta-Criz, or in any commons by the dean and chapter formerly claimed.

Witnesses:—Sir Robert son of Payn; Sir Henry de Urtiaco;

Sir John de Erlegh ; Sir John de Actone ; Sir Robert de Sancto Claro ; Sir Gilbert de Bere, knights ; Richard de Nywetone ; Gregory de Welyngtone ; William de Reyny ; Robert Gyen ; Hugh de la Hele ; Walter de Cam ; John de Cnappe.

Dated at Wells the second of the Ides of May, A.D. 1303.

**No. 187.** Charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath, concerning the tithes of the demesne of Credelincote in the parish of Kamelartone.

Joceline, bishop of Bath, notifies that, whereas John de Buctune, rector of the church of Kamelartune on the one part, and brother Mark, called the prior, and the convent of Montacute on the other, have submitted themselves to his ruling, as regards all the tithes of the demesne of Cridelingcote, which the said Mark and the convent held within the limits of the parish of Kamelartune, and which the said John in the name of the said church claimed as belonging to it by common right, he has, with the advice of skilled men, and for the benefit of peace, arranged matters in this way, namely, that the said John and his successors, rectors of the said church of Kamelartune shall have all the said tithes, and shall pay thence annually to the prior and convent eight shillings at Easter. Which arrangement the parties have accepted and bound themselves and their successors to observe, submitting to his jurisdiction so that he or his successors may compel them to observe the same if necessary.

Done in his house in London in the month of November, A.D. 1237, and the thirty-second of his pontificate.

**No. 188.** Charter of the dean and chapter of Wells concerning the inspection of the charter of the aforesaid Joceline concerning the tithes of Credelincote in the parish of Camelartone abovesaid.

The chapter of Wells inspect and give their consent to the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath.

Dated in the chapter-house of Wells on the feast of St. Michael, Fol. 111.  
A.D. 1239.

**No. 189.** Charter of Thomas, the prior, and the convent of Bath, concerning the inspection, confirmation and ratification of the charter of the aforesaid Joceline concerning the tithes of Credelincote in the parish of Kamelartone.

Thomas, prior of Bath, and the convent of the same place, inspect and give their consent to the charter of Joceline, bishop of Bath.

Dated in the chapter-house of Bath in the month of October, A.D. 1239.

**No. 190.** William, bishop of Exeter, grants to the church and monks of Montacute the appropriation of the underwritten churches saving the vicarages of the same taxed by himself, namely—The church of St. Niot, saving a vicarage of one hundred shillings, in sanctuary and altarage and other matters, to be taxed at a true estimate, so that on the decease of Roger the chaplain now resident the vicarage may be taxed by the prior and other trustworthy persons. The church of St. Vep, saving a vicarage to the perpetual vicar who shall be entertained at the table of the prior of St. Ceric, and shall have from the profits of the prior what may be necessary for visiting the sick and other uses of the church, and the house near the church with a curtilage, and two marks and a half for clothing himself and sustaining all episcopal and archidiaconal burdens. Also a moiety of the church of Ermingtone, saving a vicarage of five marks in altarage, and the vicar shall be provided with a suitable house. The church of Leghe, saving a vicarage to the vicar to whom he shall grant a parsonage (*domos persone*) with sanctuary and altarage, and one mark of corn, to be estimated by skilled persons. The church moreover of Holecumbe, saving a vicarage granted to the monks of Kerswelle, namely, the manse and curtilage of Richard the vicar, and besides six marks in altarage. The prior and convent shall present to the bishop and his successors, suitable vicars for the beforenamed vicarages, who shall sustain all episcopal and archidiaconal burdens, &c.

Dated at Exeter, A.D. 1236, and the thirteenth year of his consecration.

**No. 191.** Charter of the dean and chapter [of Exeter, confirming the above].

**No. 192.** Charter of King Henry, son of the Conqueror, concerning one hundred marks annually given to the church of Cluny with a charter of King Stephen following.

Henry, King of England, grants to the Cluniac church of St. Peter one hundred marks of yearly rent, namely, sixty marks from the rents of his city of London and forty marks from the rents of his city of Lincoln, to be paid during his life from his own treasury; but after his decease his serjeants of the before-named cities shall bring these one hundred marks with his other rents to his Exchequer and there deliver them to the representative of Saint Peter. Pope Innocent also has confirmed this at the request of the King.

Witnesses:—W[illiam], archbishop of Canterbury; L.(Thurstan?) archbishop of York; R[oger], bishop of Salisbury; H[enry], bishop of Winchester; A[lexander], bishop of Lincoln; W. (Gilbert), bishop of London; G[eoffrey], the chancellor; and R[obert] Sig[illo]; R[obert], earl of Gloucester; and B[rian] son of the earl; Hugh Big[ot] the steward; and Milo [de] Gloc[estre] and P[ayn] son of John. At Norhamtome.

No. 193. Charter of the aforesaid Henry concerning the aforesaid one hundred marks.

Henry, King of England, grants to the Cluniac church of St. Peter, one hundred marks of rent yearly in England, namely, sixty marks from the rents of his city of London, and forty marks from the rents of his city of Lincoln, so that his ministers of those cities who may hold his farms shall bring with them this money to his exchequer at the feast of St. Michael and there deliver it to the representative of St. Peter. Pope Innocent also has confirmed this at the request of the King.

Sign of  King Henry.      Sign of the  Matilda, his Empress  daughter.

No. 194. Charter of King Stephen concerning the assignment of the manor of Ledecumbe to the aforesaid Cluniac house in place of the aforesaid hundred marks.

Whereas King Henry, his uncle, gave to the Cluniac church of St. Peter one hundred marks from his own treasury, King Stephen, as a follower and devout imitator of his good deeds, grants to the church, in place thereof, his manor of Ledecumbe

which is of his own demesne that the Cluniac church may hold that manor with all customs and appendages in the lands and the hundred itself of the same manor, with 'soc,' and 'sac,' and 'toll,' and 'theam,' and 'infangnezef,' and with all quittances and liberties, &c.

Sign of King Stephen . Sign of Queen Matilda . Sign of Eustace, son of the King. Sign of Henry<sup>1</sup> de Soilli . Signs of Henry, bishop of Winchester; Roger, bishop of Salisbury; Alexander, bishop of Lincoln; Nigel, bishop of Ely; Alan, earl of Richemonte; Roger, earl of Warwick; Aubrey<sup>2</sup> de Ver; Robert de Ver; William Peur[ellus]; Ilbert de Lacy.

No. 195. Charter of the freedom of the manor of Ledecumbe granted by King Henry, son of King John, to the house of Cluny.

Henry, King of England, grants to the abbot of Cluny and his successors that their manor of Ledecumbe shall be quit for ever of suits of counties and hundreds and view of frankpledge and aids of the sheriff and bailiffs and their servants and all amercements which could arise on occasion of pleas which belong to sheriffs. Saving attachment of pleas which belong to the crown; and saving this, that his sheriff of Berkshire may enter the aforesaid manor once a year without notice (*sine occasione*) and at the cost of the same sheriffs to see that the tithings of the same manor are free as they should be and that the King's peace there is well kept. And then let all amercements arising thence belong to the aforesaid abbot and his successors just as they would have belonged to the sheriffs on occasion of a view of frankpledge had this liberty not been granted to the abbot. For this grant, however, the abbot and his successors shall pay to the King and his heirs one hundred shillings every year at the feast of St. Michael.

Witnesses:—William, earl of Warenne; Stephen de Seygrave; William de Cantelupe; Bertram de Crioil; Aumaric de Sancto Amando; Peter de Malo lacu; John son of Geoffrey; Robert de Muscegros; John de Plesseto; Geoffrey de Langeleye;

<sup>1</sup> written *Gun*<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> written *Abb'tis*.

Nicholas de Belleville. Dated at Westminster, January 8th, in the 24th year of his reign.

A charter, identical with the above, sealed with the seal of King Henry, son of King John, is at Ledecumbe in the custody of Henry de Aunwyke. And in the twenty-eighth year of the reign of King Edward, son of the aforesaid King Henry, Stephen, prior of Montacute, and Thomas de Ledecumbe, precentor, handled, inspected, and caused it to be transcribed.

No. 196. Privilege of Pope John of exemption.

John [XXII], to the abbots of Westminster, St. Edmundbury, and Selby . . . greeting. From the complaint of the abbot and convent of Cluny in the diocese of Maçon immediately subject to the Apostolic see, and of the abbots, priors and deans of monasteries, priories and deaneries of the Cluniac order, we have understood that some archbishops and bishops, abbots and priors, &c., as also dukes, earls, and barons and corporations and individuals of cities and dioceses and neighbouring parts in which the said monastery and other monasteries, priories, deaneries, houses and other places and members subject to the same monastery of Cluny are known to be situate, have occupied and caused to be occupied houses, churches, granges, mills, tithes obediences, villages, lands, vineyards, possessions, tributes, rents and produce, jurisdictions and rights, and several goods moveable and immoveable, outside the kingdom of France, belonging to the said monastery of Cluny and other monasteries subject to it . . . and unjustly detain or render assistance to those detaining the same; and further that some inflict numerous troubles and losses upon the said abbots and priors and deans and convents of the same monasteries and priories in respect of churches, granges, tithes, &c., outside the said kingdom, belonging to them. Wherefore the said abbot and convent of Cluny have humbly besought us that, since it is very difficult for them and other abbots, priors, deans, and their members to have recourse in single plaints to the Apostolic see, we would take care to make provision for them in this matter. We, therefore, willing to aid them, commend to your discretion that outside the aforesaid kingdom, you or two or one of you by yourselves or by

another or others even should they be beyond the places in which you are deputed conservators and judges, give efficient aid to the abbots, priors, convents and houses and members aforesaid, by preventing troubles, or injuries being inflicted upon them in respect to the premises and any other goods and rights to them belonging outside the aforesaid kingdom, and that when requested by them or any of them, or their proctor or proctors you shall treat with the parties concerning the restitution of the priories, deaneries, churches, &c., and further concerning any injuries whatsoever, present and future, in those namely which require judicial investigation, straightforwardly without judicial trial; in others, according as their nature demands the complement of justice, by restraining the occupiers or detainers, obstructors and injurers, even should they be of archiepiscopal or episcopal dignity, calling in, if need be, the aid of the secular arm, notwithstanding the constitution of Pope Boniface VIII our predecessor, in which it is provided that no one may be called to judgment beyond his own city and diocese, unless in certain excepted cases, and in those not more than one day's journey from the border of his own diocese, &c., and notwithstanding any other constitutions of our predecessors, or any others which could hinder in any way your jurisdiction and power, notwithstanding any indult, &c. Moreover, we decree that any one of you may have the power to follow up an article even begun by another, although the one who began the same has not been prevented by any canonical impediment, and that, from the date of these presents, perpetual power and jurisdiction be given to you and each one of you in the premises, that you may be able to proceed with the same strength and confidence, in all the premises, and on behalf of the aforesaid, as if all and singular the aforesaid had been begun before us, and your jurisdiction had been perpetuated by citation or other legitimate mode, the aforesaid constitution as to conservators and any other promulgated to the contrary notwithstanding.

Dated at Avignon the 15th of the kalends of August in the third year of our pontificate.

Here follow charters touching the appropriation of the  
Church of Crich.

No. 197.<sup>1</sup> Charter of the King's licence.

Edward, King of England, &c., has by letters patent, granted licence to the prior and convent of Montacute to appropriate, as it is said, the church of Crich, which is of their own advowson, and to hold it for their own uses without let or hindrance, the statute of mortmain notwithstanding. At Westminster, the 22nd day of May (*sic*) in the tenth year of his reign.

No. 198. Confirmation of the said appropriation by the King.

Whereas Edward, king of England, on the 22nd day of March (*sic*) in the tenth year of his reign granted licence, to the prior and convent of Montacute to appropriate the church of Crich, and to hold it for their own uses, &c., as is more fully contained in his letters patent. And now the prior and convent by virtue of the said licence and by the authority of the Apostolic See have appropriated the said church, and so hold it appropriated, &c. The King confirms the appropriation, and grants that the prior and convent may hold the church thus appropriated for their own uses for ever according to the force and effect of the said licence and bulls, the statute of mortmain notwithstanding or that the said priory after the said 22nd day of March was taken into the King's hand on account of war with France.

At Westminster the 18th day of May, in the 28th year of his reign.

No. 199. Assessment and determination of the portion of the vicarage by Ralph, bishop of Bath.

Ralph, bishop of Bath and Wells . . . greeting. We have received letters apostolic on behalf of the prior and convent of Montacute within our diocese to the following effect:—

<sup>1</sup> This charter and those which follow are copied in a later hand than the main part of the Cartulary on eleven leaves which have been inserted after folios 26 of the old numbering.

Clement, &c., for an everlasting memorial. The forethought of the Apostolic See takes diligent care for the good ordering of all churches and monasteries, &c. The petition of the prior and convent of Montacute states that the church of the monastery has long since fallen to decay, and that they have already begun to build a new one, an expensive work, which they cannot conveniently complete unless greater assistance be rendered to them from elsewhere, especially since the monastery is in great poverty and loaded with debt, by reason of the frequent reception of guests, the increased frequency of the barrenness of the land, the murrain among the cattle, and the burden of the wars. Wherefore the prior and convent beseech us to appropriate to them the parish church of Cryche, of which they already hold the patronage, and of which the profits are not, according to the assessment of the tithe, of greater annual value than 20*l.* sterling, in aid of the fabric of their church, and to lighten the burdens falling on the prior and convent. We therefore, desiring that the church be speedily completed, and wishing to afford them help in their necessities, and especially since King Edward has written on this matter, grant, attach and bind for ever this church to the prior and convent for their own uses, the building of the church of the monastery, and the lightening of the aforesaid burdens, so that on the resignation or death of the present rector, or on the church becoming vacant from any cause, the prior and convent on their own authority may take possession of it without licence from the diocesan or any one else, and retain it for their own uses, for ever; the ordinary, however, to reserve for the perpetual vicar instituted by him on the presentation of the prior and convent, such a portion as will maintain him suitably, and enable him to pay episcopal rights and other burdens; notwithstanding any general or special letters obtained from us or our predecessors or from legates of the Apostolic See, concerning the provisions of this or any other benefices, even if by reason of these they have proceeded to inhibition, reservation and decree, &c.; which letters and processes we will should not extend to this church, but be without prejudice to the prior and convent's obtaining churches and other benefices. Notwithstanding also any privileges, indulgences, or apostolic letters, by which the effect of this bull could in any way be impeded or delayed. Given at Villeneuve

in the diocese of Avignon, Sept. 25th, in the second year of our pontificate.

We therefore, willing, as in duty bound, to carry out the said letters, having summoned all concerned in the matter, and caused diligent enquiry to be made, have proceeded to the regulation or assessment of the said church and its portions, as follows:—

Firstly, we ordain that the vicar shall and ought to have the whole of the house of the rectory of the said church, with the adjacent gardens (*ortis*), and the gardens (*gardinis*) with the undermentioned exception.

Secondly, the vicar shall have all the lands, meadows and pastures of the said rectory, excepting only the seven acres of arable land mentioned below, and pasture of eight oxen in the separate manorial pastures within the said parish, which the rector of the church had long been used to have.

Thirdly, the vicar shall have all tithes of hay, wood, milk, mills, fisheries, and rearing of animals, and other small tithes of all things produced in the parish (those excepted which are in the prior's demesne) and a third of the tithes of every kind of corn of the whole parish, and all oblations, death duties, and other offerings which are contained in the name of altarage of the said church.

Fourthly, he shall have common for oxen, cows, swine, pigs, geese, and all other animals in single pastures within the parish, as the rectors have been accustomed to have, except in the separate manorial pastures of the religious, commonly called '*separalia*', in which the vicar shall hold no common.

The said religious, to whom the church is, as premised, appropriated and annexed, shall have two-thirds of all tithes of all and every kind of corn, which the rectors have been accustomed to receive, and also those which the said religious have been accustomed to receive before this appropriation and regulation. Also they shall have all the tenants and their tenements, with their lands, gardens, rents, services, and all other profits, as the rectors were accustomed to have, excepting the tithes of the said tenants which the vicar is to have. Likewise they shall have seven acres of arable land at La Trone surrounded on every side by the manorial lands of the same religious, and which the rectors have been accustomed to receive and have

Fifthly, the vicar shall have all other emoluments and benefits of the said church, which the rectors were formerly accustomed to have, excepting only those aforesaid which the religious shall receive. The vicar shall also be bound to pay yearly for ever, within the octave of Easter, half a mark to the chapter of the church of Wells, and forty pence to the archdeacon of Taunton, as indemnity and in recompense of their loss by the said appropriation.

The vicar also shall in future bear the burden of tithes, of procurations of cardinals, legates, and nuntios both of the Apostolic See and of others to whom procuration is due, and also of archdeacons and others who may visit the church, the repair of chancel, books, vestments, ornaments of the church, and all burdens ordinary or extraordinary, formerly accustomed to fall upon the rectors. So that the portion assigned to the said religious shall be quit and free from all burdens. To the firm observance of which assessment we command the said religious and the vicar, with their express consent, and their successors.

In witness whereof we have made our letters tripartite, one for the said religious, one for the vicar, and the third to remain in the treasury of our church of Wells. Given and attested in our manor of Wyvelescombe, Oct. 20th, 1362, in the 34th year of our consecration.

**No. 200.** Licence of the earl of Salisbury concerning the appropriation.

William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury, patron of the priory of Montacute . . . greeting. Whereas Gerald, prior of Montacute, holds of us the advowson of the church of Crich as part of the said priory, and the prior and convent, by grant of the Apostolic See and licence of the King, have appropriated the said church of Crich without our permission, &c. Know that we have confirmed the appropriation of the said church, the prior and convent and their successors to have and hold it thus appropriated for their own uses for all time; saving to us and our heirs all manner of profits and benefits which will by right pertain to us, our heirs and assigns from the said church, by reason of a certain manner of voidance of the said priory, when war shall in

future be made between the kingdoms of England and France. In witness whereof we have caused our seal to be put to these letters patent.

Given at Dounyate, Dec. 6th, 36 Edw. III.

**No. 201.** Final acquittance of Sir William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury, of the contribution, during the time of the King, of his father Sir William, and of himself.

William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury, son and heir, and executor of the will of Sir William de Montacute, late earl of Salisbury, and patron of the priory of Montacute . . . . greeting. Whereas the King formerly by letters patent granted to our father and his heirs the rent which, the prior and convent of Montacute and the priors of the cells pertaining to the said priory, viz. Carssewell, Holn, St. Carett, and Malpas, together with all arrears, were bound to pay to the King during the war. We, the said earl, for the souls of our father and mother, &c., and by reason of a grant of an annual payment of 10*l.* made by the prior and convent to Roland Rake for the term of his life, have, by letters patent, remitted and released to the said prior and convent of Montacute and to the priors of the dependent cells and their successors for ever, all arrears of the said rents due from the priors, during the time of the King, of our said father, and of ourselves, from the beginning of the war to the present date. So that the said prior and convent and priors of the aforesaid cells and their successors be quit and free from payment of the said arrears. Saving always to us and our heirs the right of patronage of the said priory.

Given at Dounyate, Dec. 12th, 36 Edw. III.

**No. 202.** Charter of Ralph de Middleney concerning the remission of the manor of Blakefford.

To all the faithful in Christ, &c. Ralph de Middelney, knight greeting. Whereas Guichard sometime prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place granted to me for the term of my life an annual rent or pension of five marks and also their manor of Blakeforde, to hold of them and their successors as of the right of their church of Montacute for certain services reserved

thence to them, I have granted and restored my whole estate in the said manor to Gerald now prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place, to hold to them and their successors as they were accustomed to hold it, for ever, together with the corn sown there and the rent of the tenants for the term of St. Michael, and the Nativity last past, with all profits, &c. I remit also and release to the same prior and convent, all my right which I had in the said rent or pension of five marks together with all arrears of the same. So that neither I nor my heirs or executors can have any right or claim in the said manor or in the said rent or pension.

Witnesses:—The Abbot of Mouchelneye, Walter Wydecombe, John Ledrod, William Welde, Walter Warnille, William Shepton, William Colle.

At Montacute, Jan. 2nd, 36 Edw. III.

**No. 203.** Charter of attorney by the said Ralph concerning possession to be surrendered.

To all the faithful in Christ, &c. Ralph de Middelenye, knight, greeting. Although Guichard, sometime prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place, granted to me for the term of my life, their manor of Blakeforde, which is of the right of their church, yet I wish that Gerald now prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place may have again the said manor to themselves and their successors for ever, to hold quit of me and my heirs or executors. And in this matter I have appointed William Vyncent my attorney, to place the said prior and convent in full and peaceful seisin of the said manor, to hold to them and their successors for ever, without evasion or impediment of my heir or executors. Given at Montacute, January 3rd 36 Edw. III.

Release of waste made by the prior to the same Ralph.

This indenture made at Montacute on the 2nd day of January, 36 Edw. III., between Gerald, prior of Montacute, on the one part, and Sir Ralph de Middelenye on the other part, testifies that whereas the said Sir Ralph had held of the prior and convent the manor of Blakeforde for the term of his life by the remission of Guichard, sometime prior of Montacute, the afore-

said prior has granted for himself and his successors that Sir Ralph may be altogether exonerate and quit, towards the said prior and convent, from all action and charge of waste in the said manor.

Given at Montacute in the day, place and year above-written.

**No. 204.** Grant of an annual pension of ten marks.

Gerald, prior of Montacute, and the convent of the same place, surrender grant and confirm to Sir Ralph Middelneye, knight, a yearly rent of ten marks, for the term of his life from their manor of Blakeforde, at two terms of the year, viz. on the feasts of Easter and St. Michael in equal portions. And should the said rent be in arrears for one month after any of the said terms, then it shall be allowed to the said Ralph to distrain in the aforesaid manor, until he shall be fully satisfied as to the said rents with arrears. Given in our chapter-house at Montacute on the 2nd day of January, 36 Edw. III.

**No. 205.** Pleas before the justices itinerant.

Pleas of juries and assizes before Salomon de Roff[a], and his fellow justices in eyre at Somerton in the county of Somerset in the 8th year of King Edward, son of King Henry.

The prior of Montacute was summoned to show by what warrant he withdraws from the King three suits in Hyneton, Westmodiford, and Kynkeston, suit of Modyford and Thorne, with the suit of free men, &c., and one tithe due at the King's hundred of Stane, and by what warrant he claims to have gallows and market at Montacute, and a fair at Tinteshull to the hurt of the King's burgesses at Ilchester, and to amend the assize of bread and ale &c. in the same vills and elsewhere in his lands in that county without licence and will &c.

The prior came, and said that as regarded the withdrawal of suits in Hyneton, Westmodiford, and Kynkeston, and of the suit of Modiford and Thorne, with the suits of free men, and of one tithe due at the King's hundred of Stane, and also the gallows and market at Montacute, and the fair at Tinteshull, that he made no withdrawal, because King Henry, great-grand-father of the present King, granted to the church of Montacute the said

manors and hundreds with their appurtenances by his charter, which he produced and which was as follows:—

Henry, King of England to William, bishop of Exeter, John, bishop of Bath, and Richard son of Baldwin the sheriff, &c. (see No. 3 above).

Whereon he says, &c., that he and his predecessors have enjoyed the said liberties by this charter, and as regarded the assize of bread and ale in his lands, that he and his predecessors have used that liberty from time beyond memory.

William de Cyselham, who prosecutes on behalf of the King, says that King Henry, father of the present King, and also King John, grand father of the present King, have been seized of the three suits in Hyneton, Westmodiford, and Kingeston, and also of one suit in Modiford and Thorne, with suit of free men, and with tithing due at the hundred of Stane, after the said charter was executed. And he seeks that inquiry be made.

Afterwards jurors came to Winchester, who say on oath that the predecessors of the prior have withdrawn from the King the said suits of Hyneton, Westmodiford, and Kyngeston, Modiford and Thorne, with suit of free men, and a tithing at the King's hundred of Stane, and that the prior keeps them withdrawn and this has been done during fifty years elapsed since the time of King Henry, father of the present King, and the tithe is worth half a mark a year and the suit of free men two shillings a year, and therefore they decree that the King recover his scisin therein, and that the prior satisfy the King concerning the arrears.

A day was assigned the prior by attorney within three weeks after the feast of St. Martin, and the sheriff was instructed to cause to come twelve, &c., so many and such, as well knights as others, to make, &c.

The prior of Montacute was summoned to show by what warrant he withdraws from the King the suit of his tenants at Attebere due at the King's hundred at La Horethurne, contrary to the will of the King, &c.

The prior made and said that his tenants never made or ought to have made any suit at the said hundred, from time out of memory; and he seeks that inquiry be made.

William de Cyselham, who prosecutes, says that the said

tenants were accustomed to make suit, until a certain Mark, formerly prior of Montacute, predecessor of the present prior, withdrew at the said hundred, and he seeks on behalf of the King, that enquiry be made by jury.

The jury, together with twelve knights chosen for this purpose, say on oath that the tenants of Attebere and Hambre were accustomed to make suit at that hundred when it was in the hands of John de Burgo, before the time of the said prior Mark, and that the said Mark withdrew the suit.

Therefore it was decreed that the King recover seisin of the suit, which the tenants of the said towns of Attebere and Hambre were accustomed to make at the hundred of La Horthurne, at the time when the hundred was in the hands of John de Burgo.

The prior was in mercy. The sheriff was ordered to compel the tenants to make the said suit, &c.

**No. 206.** Feoffment of the land "le Gonz."

William Croke, parson of the church of Tyntenhulle, Richard Couch, chaplain, William Vyncent, Peter le Barbour, Bertrand le Foun, and John Tanailles, the younger, by licence of the King, grant to the prior and convent of Montacute and their successors, one messuage and forty-four acres of land and one 'scabellum' with their appurtenances in Bisshopstone and Montagu. They grant also to the said prior and convent and their successors one penny of yearly rent which Hugh Benet was wont to pay to them for a croft which he holds for the term of his life of the remission of Thomas Gounz, in Bisshopstone together with the reversion of the said croft after the death of the said Hugh, all which they have of the gift and feoffment of the said Thomas Gounz and which were held of the prior and convent; to have and hold all the premises with reversion after the death of Hugh, to the prior and convent and their successors, in frank almoin.

Witnesses:—William Dunfraville, John Meriet, knights; John atte Forde, William Welde, John Leddred. Given at Montacute, on the 5th day of June, 36 Edw. III.

**No. 207.** In the great roll of the fifth year of King Henry VI. in Somerset.

The prior of Montacute and his successors owe twelve marks a year of ancient tribute, which in time of peace they have been accustomed to pay to the chief house of the priory in parts beyond the sea, from the 24th day of October, 2 Henry IV., and 208*l.* for years gone by. Total 216*l.* In the treasury 26*l.* in two tallies by William Fynderne formerly sheriff of the county on behalf of the said prior, and he owes 190*l.* but he ought not to be summoned concerning 96*l.* of the said rent from the feast of St. Michael, 2 Henry IV. to the feast of St. Michael, in the 13th year of the same late King which are by writ of the King's pardon enrolled in the Memoranda of the 6th year of the present King, Hilary term, roll 20. In which it is contained that Henry V., late King of England, of his special favour pardoned and released to William, prior of Montacute and the convent of the same place all manner of adjudicated fines, amercements, issues, forfeitures, &c. arrears of rents and accounts, due and belonging to the said late King on the 21st day of March, together with all manner of actions and demands which the same late King by himself or with others has or could have against the prior. And he owes 94*l.* The same rendered account of the same debt in the treasury, 94*l.* on the 19th day of February, 6 Henry VI. and he is quit.

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#### Charters of the Burgesses of Montacute.

**No. 208.** Durand the prior, and the convent of Montacute grant to all the burgage tenants in their town of Montacute, all liberties and free customs which other burgesses in Somerset have who hold in the best and most free manner, as free burgesses. In recognition of which concession the said tenants have given two marks.

Witnesses:—Osbert de Trusti Ganse, steward, Robert Drune, Gilbert de Taunton, Ralph de Radochestone, Peter de Bristoute, William de Torna.

**No. 209.** Mark the prior, and the convent of Montacute grant to all their burgage tenants their heirs and assigns in the new borough (*in novo burgo*) of Montacute, namely commencing from the house

which Helias the merchant, brother of Robert Sect, holds on the one side, and from the house which Gunhild, daughter of Walter the baker, holds on the other, on either side of the street as far as the house of Hugh Forester, shall be free burgesses with all liberties, and free customs which other burgesses in Somerset have who hold in the best and most free manner: the said burgesses paying for their several burgages annually to the convent kitchen, sixteen pence for all service. In recognition of which concession the said tenants have given half a mark.

Witnesses:—Robert dean of Chynnok, Osbert chaplain of Stok, Robert de Hewenebere, Simon the clerk, Robert de Aula, Walter the porter.

**No. 210.** In the great roll of the 15th year in the Somerset and Dorset Item.

The prior of Montacute and brother Gyot, his fellow-monk owe 120*l.* yearly for custody of the same priory, lands and tenements, goods and chattels, &c., belonging to the same. To have them from the octave of Easter in the 13th year so long as the King should please. Paying one half at the Michaelmas exchequer and the other half at the Easter exchequer as contained in the principal roll and in roll 13. And 120*l.* for the year gone by. Total 240*l.* But they ought not to be summoned or burdened concerning the same rent in future, on account of the King's writ enrolled in the Memoranda of Easter term in this 15th year, in which among other matters is contained that the King has granted to William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury that he and his heirs may have the custody of the aforesaid priory as well in times of war with France as when the priory may happen to be vacant with all belonging to that custody, and that he [the prior] shall be answerable to the said earl for the rent which the custodians or monks of that priory are held to pay to the King annually for custody of the same on occasion of war, with any arrears there may be; and by which writ the King has commanded the barons to cause the prior to be exonerate and quit of 120*l.* of the same rent which he was paying to the King at the time of the aforesaid grant. And he is quit.

**No. 211.** Richard Lovel, lord of Castelcari, quit-claims to the prior

and convent of Montacute, all his right in the manor of Tyntenhulle and Estchinnok, and in the advowsons of the churches of the same towns, and also in the hundreds of Tyntenhulle and Hundesberghe, the fairs and markets of Tyntenhulle, and also in all other matters belonging to the said manors, advowsons, hundreds, fairs and markets.

Witnesses:—Hugh de Curteni, William Martyn, William de Montacute, Ralph de Corges, Henry de Urtiaco, Hugh Pointz, John de Meriet, John de Erleghe, Henry de Glastonbury, Nicholas de Cheyny, John de Elmedone, Peter de Curey. Given at Yeovil on Saturday the feast of St. Hilary, in the 12th year of King Edward, son of King Edward

**No. 212.** Richard Lovel, lord of Caricastel, quit-claims to the prior and convent of Montacute, all his right in the manors of Tyntenhulle and Estchinnok, and in the advowsons of the churches of the same towns, and also in the hundreds of Tyntenhulle and Hundesberghe, the fairs and markets of Tyntenhulle, and also in all other matters belonging to the said manors, advowsons, hundreds, fairs and markets. And if any fine concerning the aforesaid tenements or hundreds or any part thereof shall have been levied in the King's court between him and Muriel his wife complainants, and Master Richard de Clare and Master Roger de Blokeswrthe deforciants, by virtue whereof any right could in any way accrue to him or his heirs, he desires and grants, for himself and his heirs, that such right shall be null for ever.

Witnesses:—Sir Thomas, earl of Lancaster; Sir John, earl of Richmond; Sir Thomas de Holand; Sir William le Latimer; Sir Fulk le Strange; Sir Nicholas de Segrave; Sir John Claveringge; Sir Fulk fitz Warin; Sir Gerard Salveyn; Sir William Tuchet; Sir John Beek; Sir William Trussel; Sir John de Kynardeseye; Sir Michael de Meledone; Roger Beler; John de Lancastre.

Given at York, on Thursday in the octave of the Ascension, 12th year of King Edward, son of Edward, at the time when Parliament was held there.

The aforesaid Lovel has acknowledged this quit-claim and caused it to be enrolled as well in the King's chancery, as before

Henry de Scrope and his associate justices then present there in the aforesaid day, place and year.

This aforesaid writing is enrolled in the King's court, before the King, in Easter term, 12th year of King Edward son of King Edward. In roll 104.

**No. 213.** Record of assize concerning the land and mill of Wyleford.

The assize came to enquire if Nicholas de Wedergrave, John le Warener, and Thomas de Stapyntone unjustly, &c., dispossessed Guychard, prior of Montacute of his free tenement in Northcadenbury, &c. And the same prior, by William de Perret his attorney, complained that he was dispossessed of one messuage, one water-mill, and twenty-one acres of land, with appurtenances, &c.

And Nicholas and the others came not, but a certain William de Charlton answered for the same as their bailiff and says for them that he ought not to answer to this writ, because he says that none of them has anything in the aforesaid tenements nor had anything on the day of the obtaining of his writ, viz. the 24th day of May, in the first year of the present King, whence he seeks judgment concerning the writ, &c. And if it is joined, &c. then he says that the prior has unjustly obtained that assize against them, because they have done him no injury or disseisin and this places him before the assize, &c., and the aforesaid prior by his action similarly. Therefore let the assize be taken. The jurors say on their oath that the aforesaid Nicholas holds the aforesaid tenements in trespass, and that he and the others in the writ unjustly, &c., dispossess thence the prior, as he complains. Therefore it was adjudged that the prior should recover his seisin by the sheriff's return, and his damages which are taxed by the same at 100 shillings, and Nicholas and the others are in mercy for disseisin, &c.

**No. 214.** Charter of King Edward III. concerning the advowson and custody of the priory of Montacute, granted to William, earl of Salisbury, during war, &c.

Whereas we, Edward, King of England, in consideration of the strenuous worth of William, earl of Salisbury and marshal of

England, and the faithful allegiance rendered to us by him, have granted to him and his heirs, the advowson of the priory of Montacute, for ever, as in our letters patent is more fully contained. Now observing the faithful and laudable behaviour of the same earl in our allegiance, and willing to bestow on him the fulness of a greater favour, we have granted that he and his heirs for ever shall have the custody of the aforesaid priory as well when, on account of wars with France or any other cause, it, among other priories, houses and possessions of religious aliens, shall have been taken into our hands or of our heirs, as when the priory shall have become vacant by the death, deposition or resignation of the prior, or in any other way, with all belonging to that custody. And that the earl and his heirs shall ordain and dispose, as shall seem best for their own convenience and the usefulness of the priory, the issues and profits thence proceeding, as well in times of war as of vacation of the priory. And that concerning the rent which the custodians or monks of the priory were held to pay annually to us in times of war, they shall be answerable for such rent together with arrears of the same to the earl, and shall be altogether exonerate of the said rent and arrears towards us. In testimony whereof we have caused these our letters patent to be made.

At Westminster, &c., in the 13th year of our reign.

**No. 215.** Charter of the said King concerning the advowson and custody of the said priory together with custody of the cells of Carswell, Holn, St. Carric and Malpas, granted to the same earl.

Edward by the grace of God, &c. Know that whereas we formerly, &c., to the same earl, &c., and now the aforesaid has prayed us that, whereas the cells of Carswell in the county of Devon, of Holne in the county of Dorset, of St. Carric in the county of Cornwall, and of Malpas in Wales, belong to the priory of Montacute and have done from time beyond memory, we will order the aforesaid cells so belonging to the priory of Montacute to be specified in our aforesaid letters to him concerning the same priory, so that he and his heirs may have the custody of the said cells together with the custody of the priory. We, in consideration of the premisses, have granted that the said earl shall have and

hold the advowsons of the said cells of Carswell, Holne, St. Carric, and Malpas to himself and his heirs, if the same belong to the priory of Montacute, together with the custody of that priory, as well in times of war as of vacation of the priory, &c.

At Westminster [28th April], in the 14th year of our reign.

**No. 216.** In a memorandum of the treasury of the 19th of King Edw. III., Hilary term. Rot. 1.

It was agreed that the prior of Montacute be not distrained for twentieths in wools and other quotas and contributions to the King granted and to be granted during the war, &c.

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**Pleas before the King at Westminster, Michaelmas Term.**

7 Ric. II.

**No. 217.** In Trinity Term 5 Richard II., the King committed to Robert Tresilian, Chief Justice, a writ close to the following effect:—

We commit to you under our seal the tenor of a foot of fine levied in the court of King Edward II. in the 11th year of his reign, before William de Bereford and his fellows justices of the bench, by the King's writ, between Richard Lovell and Muriel his wife, querents, and Master Richard de Clare and Master Roger de Blokerworth, deforciants, concerning the manors of Blakeford, Southbarewe, Northbarewe, Cherleton Makerell, Tyntenhull, and Prestele, commanding you that, having inspected the tenor of the said foot of fine, you further, at the suit of Richard Seymor, kinsman and heir of Richard Lovell, cause to be done in that matter what, by right and in accordance with the laws and customs of our realm, ought to be done. Given at Westminster, 20 June, in the 5th year of our reign.

The tenor of the foot of fine mentioned in the said writ is as follows:—

This is the final concord made in the King's court at

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<sup>1</sup> Inserted in a later hand at the beginning of the volume.

Westminster in the octave of St. Michael in the 11th year of King Edward II., before William de Bereford, Gilbert de Roubury, John de Benstede, John Bacon, and John de Mutford, justices, &c., between Richard Lovell and Muriel his wife, querents, by Thomas de Croukern representing the said Muriel, and Master Richard de Clare and Master Roger de Blokerworth, deforciants, concerning the manors of Blakeford, Southbarewe, Northbarewe, Cherleton Makerell, Tyntenhull, and Prestele. Richard Lovell acknowledged that the said manors belonged to Richard de Clare and Roger de Blokerworth, as of his gift. For this acknowledgment, &c., Richard de Clare and Roger de Blokerworth have granted the premises to Richard and Muriel Lovell and the heirs of Richard to hold the manors of Southbarewe, Northbarewe, and Tyntenhull of the King and his heirs and the manors of Blakeford, Cherleton Makerell, and Prestele of the chief lords of that fee, by the services which pertain thereto. And this concord, as far as concerns the manors of Southbarewe, Northbarewe, and Tyntenhull was made by command of the King.

Afterwards at the suit of Richard Seymour, asserting himself to be kinsman and heir of Richard Lovell, viz.: son of Muriel daughter of James son of the said Richard Lovell, and asserting that the said Richard and Muriel were dead, and that he had not yet obtained execution concerning the manor of Tyntenhull, and that the prior of Montacute, after the death of the said Richard Lovell and Muriel, entered upon the said manor and occupied the same contrary to the form of the said foot of fine; and sought execution concerning the said manor of Tyntenhull according to the form of the said fine, &c.

Whereupon, the sheriff of Somerset was ordered to instruct the prior to attend before the King on the quinzaine of Easter last to show cause why Richard Seymour should not have execution, concerning the manor of Tyntenhull against him, and further the same day was assigned to Richard Seymour; on which day Richard Seymour appeared by John de Hulton, his attorney, and the sheriff made return that he had instructed the prior to attend at the same time, to do and receive whatever the King's court should decree in this matter, by William atte More and Richard Grene. The prior was present in person, and Richard Seymour

sought execution, &c. The prior said that Richard Seymor, by the name of Richard de Sancto Mauro, knight, brought a writ of right against him by the name of Francis, prior of Montacute, concerning the manor of Tyntenhull returnable before the justices of the King's Bench, on the morrow of Martinmas in the 6th year of the present King's reign. To which writ Richard Seymor appeared, and the prior was essoined and had by his essoin until three weeks after Easter, and that the writ of *scire facias* was obtained while the writ of right was pending, the latter being of a more important character, &c., he sought judgment on the writ of *scire facias*, &c., and produced the tenor of the said writ of right with the tenor of enrolment of essoin obtained through the King's chancellor by the hand of John de Waltham, keeper of the rolls in Chancery, &c.

1. The tenor of the writ.

Richard, king of England, to the sheriff of Somerset, greeting. Command Francis, prior of Montacute, to restore justly and without delay to Richard de Sancto Mauro, knight, the manor of Tyntenhull, which he claims as his right and inheritance and to hold of us *in capite*, and of which he complains that he is unjustly deforced by the prior, and unless the prior restore the property, and Richard shall have made you sure as to his claim, then summon the prior to appear before our justices at Westminster on the morrow of Martinmas to show cause for non-compliance. And have there the summons and this writ. At Westminster, the 13th of October in the 6th year of our reign.

2. The tenor of the record and process.

Essoin taken at Westminster before Robert Bealknap and his fellow justices of the King's Bench, on the morrow of Martinmas in the 6th year of King Richard. Rot. 2. Francis, prior of Montacute versus Richard de Sancto Mauro, knight, concerning a plea of land by John Davy, within three weeks after Easter on which, as before, he sought judgment concerning the said writ of *scire facias*, &c. Richard Seymor protested that he did not acknowledge that he had brought any such writ of right against the prior concerning the said manor, and further that it is not shown by the tenors of the writ, record and process, that he ever appeared to such a writ, or that

the writ was then pending, and he therefore sought judgment and execution, &c. And because it did not appear to the court to have been proved by the tenors of the writ and record that Richard Seymour had ever appeared to that writ, or that the writ was still pending, and it seeming to the court that the writ of *scire facias* could be maintained, notwithstanding the said reasons and allegations, the prior was commanded to answer further. The prior said that King Edward, the present King's grandfather, by the advice of his Parliament, caused to be seized into his own hands all the possessions of alien priories in England, to be held so long as the war with the French should last, and among others the priory of Montacute. He produced in court letters patent to the following effect:—

Edward, King of England, to all, &c., greeting. Know that we have committed to Francis, prior of Montacute, the custody of the priory of Montacute and all its possessions, which, with other alien priories and religious houses in the power of the French, but within our realm of England, we have, since the peace of Calais was broken by the French, caused to be taken into our hands, to hold the said priories and their possessions from Michaelmas last so long as the same shall from the said causes remain in our hands, paying to us 120*l.* yearly in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas; saving to us the knights' fees and the advowsons of the churches belonging to the said priory. On behalf of the prior, John Fitelton and John Halle, of the county of Somerset, being present in person in our chancery, became mainpernors that the prior would continually dwell upon the priory and its possessions, and maintain and provide the number of clerks and servants as ordained of old, and chantries and other divine services and alms, pious works and all other things incumbent on the priory, out of its revenues, and repair and leave the buildings of the priory and its possessions in as good condition as they now are; and that neither the prior, his clerks or his servants would betake themselves out of our realm of England, and on no pretext tell or reveal the condition, affairs, or secrets of our realm of England to any alien, nor send abroad gold or silver in mass or money, jewels, arms, or anything which might be turned in any way to the prejudice of us or our people; and that the prior would

faithfully pay the said farm of 120*l.*, and not alienate or remove, lay waste or destroy, any goods, chattels or other things belonging to the priory. Furthermore we grant that the prior shall be quit of all tenths and fifteenths, wools and all other quotas, to be paid to us by the clergy and commonalty of our realm, after the last taking of the priory into our hands, or imposed or to be imposed on the clergy by the supreme Pontiff, and also from the custody of the sea coast and of the payment of wool-taxes, &c., so long as the priory and its possessions are from the above-named cause in our possession and in the custody of the prior, so that the prior may be able to dispose and use the said priory and its possessions as may seem to him best and of the greatest utility. At Westminster, 10 November, 45 Edward III.

The King, by these letters patent, the prior asserted, entrusted to him by the name of Francis, prior of the alien priory of Montacute, the custody of the priory and all its possessions, from Michaelmas then last past, so long as they, from the said cause, should remain in the hands of the King, paying annually to the King, in equal portions at Easter and Michaelmas, 120*l.* saying to the King the knights' fees and advowsons of churches belonging to the priory. And the prior says that he is not now able to answer for these without the King, and sought aid from the King, &c.

Richard Seymor said that the prior, for reasons before alleged, ought not to have aid from the King, and added that the said King Edward was seized of the advowson of the priory, in his own demesne as of fee, and, long before the grant of custody to the prior, granted by letters patent to William de Montacute, sometime earl of Salisbury, and marshal of England, the advowson of the priory of Montacute, to have and to hold to himself and his heirs of the King and his heirs. And the King, wishing to bestow on the earl the fulness of a greater favour, granted that the earl and his heirs should have perpetual custody of the same priory both when on occasion of wars with France or any other causes alien religious houses should be taken into the King's hand, and also whenever the office of prior should be vacant, &c., and that the earl and his heirs should be able to dispose and order the same for their own convenience and the

good of the priory, and receive the revenues and profits for their own use both in time of war and when the office of prior shou!d be vacant, and that neither the King nor any of his ministers should at these times intervene. And that account should be rendered to the earl of the rent which the custodians or monks of the priory by reason of war with France, were bound to pay annually to the King for custody of the same, and that the custodians of the priory should be altogether free from the rent and arrears towards the King.

Afterwards William de Montacute, earl of Salisbury, son and heir of the said earl, besought the King that the priory having been taken into the King's hands on the breaking of the peace of Calais, &c., he would command to be delivered to him custody of the priory, with its revenues and profits received after the time of the taking of the same into the King's hands, according to the grant made to his father and his heirs by the King, the King decreeing that though, at the time when it was ordained that priories, houses and possessions of the religious should be taken into his own hands in aid of the war, it may have been determined and ordained in the same Parliament that the priors and other presiding officers of those places or their proctors should be preferred to others as custodians of such priories, houses and possessions, as well for the good government of the same as for the maintenance of divine services, paying thence to the King what may have been agreed between them and the King, yet desiring his former grant, to the earl and his heirs of custody of the priory, to have, as far as could be without offence to the abovesaid concord, its due effect, willed that the earl, in order that he might be able to maintain himself better in the wars, should receive of the prior during this war so much rent, as was accustomed to be paid to the King for custody of the priory before this grant was made to the earl, and as the prior would be bound to pay to the King if custody of the priory had been committed to him by the King. And the King by his writ commanded his treasurer and barons of the Exchequer to cause this rent with the arrears received after the taking of the priory into the King's hands to be delivered to the earl, and to cause the prior to be exonerated and quit with respect to the Exchequer. The King also issued another writ to the prior that

he should be answerable to the present earl for the said rent. These writs of which the date is 2 Dec., 45 Edward III., he now committed under his seal to his justices.

And so Richard Seymour said that the King thus demised the advowson, rent, and whatever else of the same priory could appertain to himself, and caused full restitution to be made to the earl, son and heir of the former earl, according to the effect of the grant formerly made to his father, so that whatever of the priory and its possessions could not be reserved in the person of the former King, cannot now reside in the person of the present King, and therefore maintains that the prior should not have the right to obtain aid from the King against him in this matter.

The prior said that it is contained in the letters patent to the prior concerning custody of the priory that the King reserved to himself the knights' fees and advowsons of churches, and that in the writs produced in court by Richard Seymour it is contained that the earl should not in any way interfere in the custody and management of the said house, and also that it is not there contained that in the restitution made to the present earl any special mention was made of the knights' fees and advowsons of churches, and further that the King, after this restitution, presented John de Stone to the church of Tyntenhull, on account of the reservation by his grandfather of the knights' fees and advowsons. For which reason he sought aid from the King.

Richard Seymour said that by this restitution the advowson of the priory, together with its custody and all else appertaining to the priory passed of right to the present earl, and therefore he maintained that the prior ought not to obtain the said aid, &c.

On this a day within the octave of the feast of Holy Trinity next following was assigned for the parties to appear before the King *in statu quo*; saving their reasons and answers, &c., and on that day Richard Seymour appeared at Westminster by attorney, and also the prior by Stephen de Hall his attorney. The case being continued to the morrow of the feast of St. John Baptist next following, the two then appeared by attorney before the King at Canterbury. And since it appears to the court that the said aid ought not to be granted to the prior in this case, it was decreed that the prior answer further, &c., without the said aid, &c.

The prior said that Richard Seymor ought not to have execution against him by virtue of the said fine, because he said that King Henry, son of William the Conqueror, was sometime seized of the manor in his demesne as of fee, and [granted] the same by his charter, which he now produces,<sup>1</sup> [to the Cluniac monks of Montacute in frank almoin for ever, which charter the present King and several of his predecessors have confirmed, and by virtue of which grant, the prior and monks had peaceful seisin of the said manor until Friday before the feast of the Assumption in the tenth year of Edward II. And this King Edward by letters patent, granted to Stephen, prior of Montacute, that when the priory should become vacant by his death or resignation, the sub-prior and convent should have the custody thereof for a period not exceeding two months, for which grant the said Stephen paid 40 marks to the King, and when the priory became vacant by the resignation of the said Stephen, a certain Richard Lovell, ancestor of the said Richard Seymor, entered upon the said manor with a large force of armed men on the said Friday, and occupied the same, and at that time the said fine was levied. And the prior produced in court the tenor of the record and process of restitution beginning with the King's writ to the following effect:—

Edward, &c., to William Martyn, Hugh de Courteneye and Michael de Meldon, greeting. Whereas on the 13th July in the tenth year of our reign, for a fine of 40 marks made by Stephen, prior of Montacute, we granted to him by letters patent, that when the priory should become vacant by his death or resignation, the sub-prior and convent should have the custody thereof for a period not exceeding two months, saving to us knights' fees and advowsons, and afterwards on the 12th October in the same year we took the fealty of John Caprarii, whom the abbot of Cluny had appointed to be prior of Montacute, and ordered the temporalities to be restored to him, as appears by the rolls of Chancery, and John now prior of the same, has complained that certain malefactors have with armed force entered the manors of Tyntenhull and Estchynok, and the hundreds of Tyntenhull and Hundesbergh belonging of old to the said priory,

<sup>1</sup> The portion within brackets is supplied from *Rotuli Parliamentorum*, vol. iii., p. 197.

have expelled the sub-prior and convent, and taken their goods therein, we order you, or two of you, of whom Michael shall be one, to enquire by the oath of knights and other lawful men, and if the facts are as stated, to restore the said manors and hundreds to the prior, and to inform us. Dated at York, 13th November, in the eleventh year of our reign.

By virtue of this writ, the said William, Hugh and Michael ordered the sheriff of Somerset to cause to come before them at Ivel on Monday after the Epiphany twenty-four men—knights, and other good and lawful men—of the vicinage of Tyntenhull and Estchynok, and of the vicinage of the hundreds of Tyntenhull and Hundesbergh, by whom the truth might be known. On which day the sheriff returned the King's writ directed to him and the writ of the said William, Hugh, and Michael, and the names of the jurors. These came not. Therefore the sheriff was ordered to distrain them by their lands and chattels, and to have them before the said William, Hugh, or Michael, or two of them at Ivel on Wednesday before St. Hilary, and besides them the specified number of knights and others.

Inquisition taken at Jevele on Wednesday before St. Hilary in the twelfth year of King Edward, son of King Edward, by the oath of Ralph de Gorges, John Mautravers the elder, John de Erlegh, John de Meriet, Henry de Glaston, Peter de Evercy, Edmund de Everard, William de Wygabere, John de Clyvedon, knights, John Peytevyn, John Musket, and Henry de Estfeld, who say that Stephen, late prior of Montacute was seised, as of the right of his church, of the manors of Tyntenhull and Estchynok, and the hundreds of Tyntenhull and Hundesbergh on the day when he retired from the government of that priory, viz. the 13th July in the tenth year of the King, and that his predecessors from time out of mind, were peacefully seised of the same, and that during the voidance of the priory, when the said manors and hundreds were on the hands of the sub-prior and convent by the King's commission, to wit on Friday before the feast of the Assumption in the said year, Richard Lovell, Henry de Pupulenne, Master Hugh Cook (*cocus*), Maurice Marescall, Walter de Welham, and Margery his wife, and Thomas, son of the said Walter, Master William de Modeford, Eva, late the wife of Richard Suncte and Thomas Revenyng, entered the same with

armed force, occupied them, and carried away corn, oxen, ploughs, carts, chariots, horses, sheep, and other goods and chattels in the same to the value of 1,000*l.*, and held the said manors and hundreds for two years and twenty weeks, and nothing is known of the rents of the said hundreds.]

Therefore the justices took the said manors and hundreds into the hands of the King according to the tenor of the commission, and delivered them to the prior to be held as of the right of his church of Montacute, saving the right of any one, as the priors, his predecessors, have always had and held them within the memory of man. And the sheriff was ordered to carry out the aforesaid, &c., and afterwards, the manor being in the possession of the said priory, Richard Lovell by his deed, which the prior then produced in court, quit-claimed for himself and his successors, to the prior and convent of Montacute, and their successors, all his right in the manor of Tyntenhull, and further by the same writing acknowledged that the said manor was the right of the prior and convent and their successors for ever, so that neither he nor his heirs could ever in future claim any right therein, and moreover he granted by the same writing that if any fine should have been levied on the same manor or any part of it in the King's court between Richard Lovell and Muriel his wife, complainants, and Master Richard de Clare, and Master Roger de Blokerworth, deforciants, by virtue of which any right or claim might accrue to himself or his heirs, that fine should be for ever null and held of no account, and he (the prior) produced in court the writing of grant and remission of the said Richard Lovell as follows :—

(See No. 212).

On this the present prior sought judgment whether Richard Seymor ought to have execution concerning the manor against him (the prior) contrary to his ancestor's deed.

Richard Seymor said, not acknowledging any of these allegations of the prior, that the prior's plea is double or triple, and on this account he maintains that the prior ought not legally to be admitted to such a double plea, &c. He therefore sought judgment and execution, &c.

The prior said that he pleaded only the said writing as the deed of Richard Seymour's ancestor in bar of execution and for the chief and final issue of his plea, and the rest he took only by way of protestation and conduction of the whole of that matter to the issue, and said as before that Richard Lovell, ancestor, &c., quit-claimed for himself and his heirs to the prior and convent of Montacute, and their successors all his right and claim in the manor of Tyntenhull, while the former prior was in possession of the same manor; and moreover he acknowledged, &c. So that neither Richard Lovell nor his heirs, &c. And moreover he granted that if any fine, &c. On which account he sought judgment whether the said Richard Seymour ought, contrary to this his ancestor's deed, to have execution concerning the manor against him, &c.

Richard Seymour, not acknowledging any of the prior's allegations, said that a certain Hugh Lovell, whose kinsman and heir he is, was seised of the manor of Tyntenhull in his demesne as of fee, and, long before the levying of the said fine, granted the manor to a former prior of Montacute, to be held at the will of Hugh himself in aid of the work of the church of that place, as long as the said Hugh should so will, and that the prior or his successors never had any other status in the manor before the levying of the said fine, &c., under colour of which grant the prior and his successors occupied the manor in right of the said Hugh and his heirs, &c. until Richard Lovell, kinsman and heir of the said Hugh, seised and resumed the said manor into his own hands, and continued his seisin in the manor till Richard Lovell granted in fee simple the said manor, with the other manors aforesaid to Master Richard de Clare and Master Roger de Blokerworth, who in virtue of that feoffment were seised of the same at the time the said writing was made, the then prior having nothing in the manor, and this he was prepared to prove, &c. And they granted and restored this and the aforesaid manors to Richard Lovell and Muriel, and the heirs of Richard Lovell, of which manor of Tyntenhull, by virtue of the said fine, Richard Seymour as kinsman and heir of Richard Lovell sought execution, &c. And he says that neither King Henry, son of the Conqueror, nor any other King was ever seised of the said manor before the levying

of the said fine. On which account he sought judgment and execution, &c.

The prior, not acknowledging any of Richard Seymour's allegations, said that the plea of Richard was double and therefore he maintains that it is not, of right, necessary to answer to such a double plea.

And because it appears to the court that Richard Seymour's plea was double, it was decreed by the court that he should answer to the writing which is asserted by the prior to have been made by his ancestor, and which the prior pleaded against him in bar of execution of the said fine, &c., whether, &c. And Richard Seymour, having inspected the writing, said that he did not acknowledge that it was made at the supposed date; and further that the then prior of Montacute was not seised of the manor of Tyntenhull nor of any part thereof at the time when the writing was made, but that Richard de Clare and Roger de Blokerworth, who, by the said fine, restored the manor, had been up to that time seised of the same, and this he was prepared to prove, &c. He said too, that he himself took the residue of all the matters above put forth by way of protestation and conduction of the whole of his plea to that issue. On which he sought judgment whether he ought to be excluded from execution by virtue of this writing. And sought execution, &c.

And the prior said that at the time the writing was made the then prior of Montacute was seised of the said manor of Tyntenhull with its appurtenances, and this he was prepared to prove by a trial by jury, &c.

And Richard Seymour said that, at the time the writing was made, the then prior of Montacute was not seised of the manor of Tyntenhull or of any part of it, and this he was prepared to prove by a trial by jury, &c.

The sheriff of Somerset was therefore instructed to cause to appear before the King within the quinzaine of Michaelmas, &c., twenty-four knights, &c., from the vicinage of Tyntenhull by whom, &c. And who neither, &c., to take cognisance, &c. Because so, &c. The same day was assigned to the parties, &c. On which day both Richard Seymour and the prior appeared by their attorneys before the King at Westminster. And the sheriff made return of the names of the aforesaid twenty-four,

&c., of whom no one came, and therefore the sheriff shall produce them before the King, within the octave of St. Martin, anywhere, &c., for the composition of the jury, &c. The same day was assigned to the parties, &c. And the process between them, delayed by the jury being continued to the quinzaine of St. Hilary, &c. On which day before the King at Westminster came Richard Seymour and the prior by their attorneys and also the jurors. And the jurors say on oath that the prior of Montacute who held office at the time when the writing was made, which the present prior pleaded against Richard Seymour in bar of execution of his fine concerning the manor of Tyntenhull and its appurtenances, was not seised of the manor of Tyntenhull or of any part thereof when that writing was made, as Richard Seymour in his plea, alleged, &c. Therefore it is decreed that Richard Seymour have execution against the present prior concerning the manor of Tyntenhull with its appurtenances.

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The Prior and Convent of Montacute placed before Parliament  
their bill in the following form:

To our lord the King and the lords in this present parliament. Their humble chaplains the prior and convent of Montacute show that Richard [Seymor] brought a writ of *scire facias* against the prior returnable in the King's Bench on the quinzaine of Easter in the sixth year of the present King's reign, to have execution concerning the manor of Tyntenhull by reason of a fine levied in the court of King Edward, great-grandfather of the present King, between Richard Lovell and certain other persons; which manor is a great part of the substance of the priory, and of which the prior and his predecessors have been seized from the time of King Henry, son of William the Conqueror, until the present recovery. Which priory with all its possessions was seized into the hand of King Edward, grandfather of the present King, on account of the war with France, because the priory was in the power of France, and King Edward by letters patent committed custody of the priory to the prior, to hold it so long as it should from this cause remain

in his hand, saving expressly in the said patent the fees and advowsons to the King, to whom the advowson of the church of the said manor is appendant and is still in his hand from this cause. To which writ of *scire facias* the prior appeared in court and alleged that Richard Seymour, on the morrow of Martinmas in the sixth year of the present King's reign brought a writ of right against the prior concerning the manor and appeared to this writ; and that the writ of *scire facias* was procured while the writ of right was pending. He demanded judgment on the writ of *scire facias* procured while the writ of right was pending, but, notwithstanding this exception, the writ of *scire facias* was adjudged to be valid, and the prior was by the judgment commanded to answer; which judgment is not entered on a roll. Moreover, after this judgment, the prior again brought the matter forward and produced the King's patent, the said grant proving the reservation of the fees and advowsons to the King, and from this cause he sought aid of the King. Of this aid the prior was deprived by the judgment, which judgment is not entered on a roll. Further, after the judgment the prior produced the charter of King Henry, son of the Conqueror, proving that he gave the manor in frank almoin to the church and monks of Montacute, who had continuously until the present time had possession of the same by reason of this gift, and by divers confirmations of the King's, and therefore he sought aid of the King; notwithstanding which the justices went on with the plea. Afterwards the prior pleaded to the action, whereat by letters patent right was proved to the King. Wherefore the prior and convent pray your lordships to call before you the said justices, and to examine them on the matter, and to charge them that the said judgment be entered as if they had been pleaded, according to the form of another bill, which is annexed to this, made afterwards in especial manner according to the matter, containing in express words how the enrolment and record ought to be corrected and amended. Which bill should be made and delivered before the justices of the said bench, otherwise, most honourable lords, without your aid, the said priory is destroyed for ever. And, most honourable lords, the said prior, at the commencement of the plea, pleaded only that the justices should enter the pleas in manner as they were pleaded. This

the justices utterly refused. So the prior and convent have brought before parliament a schedule of which the said bill makes mention in the form following:—

Memorandum, that where in the record and process between Richard Seymour and the prior of Montacute it is thus contained, viz. "And because by the tenors of the said writ and record here sent it was not established that Richard Seymour ever appeared to the said writ, nor that the said writ was then pending the prior was asked if anything," &c. The prior petitions that the record be amended under this form, viz. that where "*quesitum fuit*" occurs, the record be amended and become, "Because it appears to the court that the writ of *scire facias* could be maintained, notwithstanding the reasons and allegations, the said prior was ordered to answer further," &c. So the prior seeks that where he sought aid of the King, &c., where it is now thus written in the record, viz. "Because it appears to the court that the said aid ought not to be granted to the prior in this case, the prior was asked if anything," &c. the prior petitions that the record be amended in this form, viz. that where "*quesitum*," &c., is written, the enrolment be corrected to read thus—The prior was ordered by the court to answer further, &c., without the said aid, &c.

This bill and schedule having been read in parliament in presence of the lords justices of the King's Bench, Robert Bealknap, chief justice of the Common Bench, John de Waltham, keeper of the rolls, Robert de Plesyngton, chief baron of the Exchequer, Walter de Cloptone and William Rikill, serjeants, and other learned men there present, and also the record and process of which the bill and schedule make mention, and which were brought into parliament by command of the lords, and there before the lords of the realm, justices, and others, examined, and thereon the matter contained in this bill and schedule having been diligently debated and examined, finally by the advice of the justices, &c., it is judged and commanded in parliament that the enrolment thus made in the plea be amended and corrected agreeably in all things to what is now demanded by the said bill and schedule, in the form and manner following:—

This is to certify that the rolls in which the said [matters] are

pretended to be contained may be taken out of the bundle in which they are now contained, and other rolls newly made, written and presently sent and filed in place of these, comprising the same number of rolls, and containing the matters in all things contained in the previous rolls, except that these new rolls and entries be made in accordance with that which is demanded by the bill and schedule, and these new rolls thus made and filed be new rolls of record thenceforth, and the other previous rolls of the said tenor be null and void for all time. Also that the enrolment of the said record and process be amended, by virtue of the said judgment in parliament, in the said form, and there be another new bill made in parliament on behalf of the prior and convent in the following form—

To the King and his lords in parliament, the prior of Montacute shows that as Richard Seymor, kinsman and heir of Richard Lovell sought a writ of *scire facias* against the prior in the King's Bench, returnable on the quinzaine of Easter in the 6th year of the present King's reign, to have execution concerning the manor of Tyntenhull upon a fine levied in the court of King Edward, great-grandfather of the present King, in the octave of Michaelmas in the 11th year of King Edward's reign, before William de Bereford and his associate justices of the Common Bench, between Richard Lovell and Muriel his wife, complainants, and Master Richard de Clare and Master Roger de Blokerworth, deforciants, concerning the said and other manors, upon the said writ, and execution concerning the manor of Tyntenhull is adjudged to Richard [Seymor] against the prior as is clearly shown in the record made in the said bench, in which record are divers errors as the prior will be ready to point out. Wherefore the prior prays that it be ordered in this present parliament that certain people of the King's council be assigned, before whom the said record be sent, and who shall have full power and authority to hear the assignment of the said errors, and to cause Richard Seymor to be cited before them on a certain day assigned by them, to hear the assignment of the said errors, and who shall have power to correct and redress the errors and to right the judgment thereon rendered, and that no protection be allowed to Richard Seymor in this suit having regard to the delay which the prior suffers by

default of good entry of the plea, and that the King has great interest that this matter be speedily redressed, because by the removal of the aid and the recovery of the manor the King is deprived of the fees and advowsons expressly reserved by his patent, and because the church of Montacute has had seisin of the manor of Tyntenhull from the time of King Henry, son of the Conqueror, as by charters of the King's plainly appears, up to the time of the said judgment.

And this bill having been read in parliament, it was adjudged that the prior of Montacute have a writ of *scire facias* returnable in the next parliament to cause Richard Seymour to be cited to the next parliament to hear the errors to be shown or alleged by the prior as contained in the record and process, and further to do and receive what shall be adjudged in this matter by the law of the land. And it is commanded that the record and process with all things appertaining to them be in the next parliament for this cause. And it is granted that no protection which is or may be sought for Richard [Seymour] for this cause be allowed in any way in this complaint.

Memorandum that in a parliament held at New Sarum on Friday before the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist 7 Richard II. the prior of Montacute presented his petition, "To our most valiant lord the King," &c., and the said petition having been read, it was decreed that the prior have a writ of *scire facias*, returnable in the next parliament, commanding Richard Seymour to be present in the next parliament to hear the errors which the prior may show or allege in the record and process, and further to do and receive what, in this matter, may be decreed by the law of the land, that the record and process, &c., be in the next parliament from the above cause, and that no protection which then had been or afterwards might be, from a feigned cause, demanded by the said Richard be allowed in any way in that complaint.

Afterwards the parliament being summoned at Westminster on the morrow of Martinmas next, the prior prosecuted and had the writ of *scire facias* on the matter directed to the sheriff of Somerset returnable in the same parliament. And now in that parliament, John Streeche, sheriff of Somerset made return of the writ the tenor of which is as follows—

“Richard, by the grace,” &c. The tenor of the return and endorsement of that writ follows thus—“I, John Streeche, sheriff,” &c.

And thereupon the prior represented by John de Fitelton his attorney, and Richard Seymour in person being there present, the King and lords in parliament, on the petition of the prior, instructed Robert Tresilian, chief justice, to produce before parliament the record and process, &c., which were in his possession. This he did, the record being as follows: “Pleas, &c.” This record and process having been read and heard, Richard [Seymour] sought that the prior should assign and declare what errors there were in them. Upon which the prior, by his attorney pointed out the following errors, viz.: Firstly that Richard Seymour in the name of Richard de Sancto Mauro, knight, brought a writ of right dated Oct. 14th, 6 Ric. II., against the prior in the name of Francis, prior of Montacute, concerning the manor of Tyntenhull returnable before the justices of the bench on the morrow of Martinmas in that year, to which writ Richard Seymour then appeared, and the prior was essoined and had by his essoin until three weeks next following Easter day as is plainly shown by the tenors of the said writ of right and enrolment of essoin sent before the King by his command and enrolled in the said record, and that the writ of *scire facias* was sought while the writ of right was pending, the latter being of a higher nature, and sought judgment on the writ of *scire facias*, and in that it was decreed that the prior should further answer to the writ of *scire facias*, the aforesaid exception notwithstanding, whereas, if it had been adjudicated rightly and in a lawful manner, the writ of *scire facias* ought to have been quashed. There was an error.

Secondly that King Edward, grandfather of the present King, on occasion of a war with France had caused to be seized into his own hands all the possessions of alien priories in the power of France, but situated in England, so long as the war should last, and among others the priory of Montacute. And King Edward afterwards by letters patent dated at Westminster, Nov. 10th, in the 45th year of his reign, which the prior produced in court, and which are inserted in the record, committed to the prior the custody of the priory and all its possessions, to hold from the

feast of St. Michael last past, as long as they should remain in the King's hand from the before-mentioned cause; paying yearly to the King 120*l.*, saving expressly to the King the knights' fees and advowsons of churches belonging to the priory, and that the present King, on account of the said reservation of the knights' fees and advowsons, presented John Stone to the church of Tyntenhull, and therefore the prior said he could not answer without the King, and sought aid of the King, and in this matter it was decreed that the prior should answer further without this aid. This was an error.

Moreover where the plea concerning the writ of *scire facias* was recorded and enrolled as a record in Michaelmas term, in the seventh year of the present King's reign and not before, and the writ of the King was committed to the sheriff of Somerset as to causing jurors to appear before the King in the quinzaine of St. Michael, to form a jury between the parties concerning the issue of the said plea, the date of this writ being July 11th, in the seventh year of the present King's reign, which is long before the term of St. Michael, and that the writ of *venire facias* is a judicial writ, and by right and the law of the land ought to have been warranted by a record enrolled before the issue of this writ, and whereas it could not be warranted by the said record enrolled in Michaelmas term, nay, it issued without a warrant, and yet was returned by the sheriff with the names of the jurors on the said 15th, and the process was continued until by the verdict (*juratam*) taken and by the judgment returned in this matter, the prior lost the manor.

Wherefore inasmuch as the verdict was taken *per returnum* by virtue of the said writ of *venire facias*, which could not be warranted by the said record as aforesaid, and in that it was decreed that Richard [Seymor] should have execution of the manor on the process, there was an error, because if the matter had been rightly and lawfully adjudicated, it ought to have been decreed that the whole process on the said writ of *scire facias* should have been discontinued, or otherwise that the parties should have been compelled by the law of the land to plead *de novo*.

Wherefore the prior by his attorney, on account of these and other errors contained in the record and process, seeks that the judgment be revoked and annulled as being erroneous, and that

he be restored to possession of the manor, with the revenues received from it in the meantime.

Richard Seymor, in person, in answer to these three articles assigned as errors, denies that they are so ; for with regard to the first, viz., that the writ of *scire facias* was obtained while the writ of right was pending, and that he appeared to this writ, he says that there is no word in the record proving that he ever appeared to the writ of right, and that the writ of *scire facias* was a judicial writ for obtaining execution of a certain fine, which is a judgment final in its nature, executory within a year without answer of the party, and after a year by writ of *scire facias* ; which being so, the appearing to or obtaining a writ, while another writ is pending, ought not to quash an executory writ, and therefore there is no error in that article.

Also with regard to the second alleged error, that King Edward had committed the priory of Montacute, which had been seized into his hands on occasion of war with France, to the said prior for a certain annual rent, reserving to himself the knights' fees and advowsons of churches, and that the prior on that pretext was not able to answer without aid of the King, and yet it was decided that the prior should answer without that aid, he says, that it is proved by the record that King Edward gave and granted the patronage and also the custody and rent of the priory, in time of peace and war, to William late earl of Salisbury and his heirs for ever, and that William de Montacute the present earl of Salisbury, son and heir of the said late earl prosecuted in the King's Chancery and had delivery of the custody and rent of the priory without any payment to the King, by virtue of the gift and grant aforesaid. And this delivery is a full revocation of the letters patent made to the prior, and that writs were thereupon issued to the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer for exonerating the prior from the said rent, and other writs to the prior that he should be responsible to the present earl and not to the King for the said custody and rent, and so there is no reason why aid should be granted in that matter. Moreover he says that the said record nowhere mentions that the manor of Tyntenhull is parcel of the said priory, and so the prior lost and could lose nothing on the pretext of the removal of this aid, which was not material and intended only to cause delay ;

but by the plea to right and to action, the prior by the issue of the trial by jury lost the manor, on which no error is assigned or alleged, and so there is no error in that article.

And as to the third article, the alleged error that the writ of *venire facias* was sought before issue was joined, he says that it is clearly proved by the record that the parties pleaded to the issue of the trial by jury on the day after the feast of St. John Baptist, which was in June, and the said writ bears date the following July; therefore there is no error in that or any other article of the record and process, and he seeks that the judgment returned in his favour be affirmed.

And on this, having heard the reasons, allegations and answers in this matter, and seen and examined the record and process, inasmuch as the writ of *scire facias* was obtained while the writ of right was pending, and the writ of right was pending after the day on which the writ of *scire facias* was returnable and returned, to which writ of right, as is plainly shown by the tenor of the record pleaded on the writ of right before the justices of the bench and sent before the justices of the King's Bench, Richard [Seymor] appeared, in which case the writ of *scire facias* ought, by the law of the land, to have been quashed; therefore, inasmuch as the justices decreed that the writ of *scire facias* was good, and that the prior should make further answer, it seems to the court in parliament that they have erred.

Moreover where the prior in his plea sought aid of the King, and the justices decreed that the prior should answer further without the said aid, it appears to the court in parliament that here also they have erred.

Therefore, on account of these errors, it is decreed that the said judgment be revoked, quashed, and entirely annulled as being erroneous, and that the prior have full restitution of the manor with its appurtenances, and the revenues received from the manor from the time when judgment was erroneously given in Richard Seymor's favour. And the sheriff of Somerset was instructed to cause full restitution and seisin of the manor to be made to the prior according to this judgment, and to make enquiry concerning the revenues received therefrom in the meantime, and to certify thereto in Chancery, and when this

certificate has been made the prior to have the sheriff's writ for levying and restoring these revenues to himself.

The King's chancellor was also in full parliament, instructed that both in the matter of seisin and restitution of the manor to the prior, and of levying to the use of the prior the revenues, in whatever way received, of that manor since the erroneous judgment in Richard Seymour's favour, and in all singular the premises decreed in the same parliament he cause and demand full execution according to the law and custom of the realm of England.

It is not however the King's intention that Richard Seymour may not prosecute *de novo* by writ of right or *scire facias* in this matter, should it appear to him expedient.

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On Tuesday, Jan 25th in the 4th year, &c., the prior of Montacute in the county of Somerset, by citation, &c., appeared before the King's Council by his attorney, who showed to the council that the prior and his priory were held and declared exempt by the King in his last parliament; praying therefore to the council that the said exemption remain in force according to the effect of the same declaration. And because the council well remembered the said exemption declared in parliament, the attorney was licensed to retire, and so he was from thence dismissed from the said council.

## Notes on the Bruton Cartulary.

B 1. This charter is recited in Patent Rolls 20 Edw. III. part 2, m. 24, and 36 Edw. III. part 2, m. 22. It is also printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. vi. p. 335, and in the *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, vol. ix. p. 75. Being addressed to Robert, bishop of Bath, the date must be between 1135 and 1166, and it appears from No. 376 that it cannot be anterior to 1142. William de Mohun is said by the author of the *Gesta Stephani* to have been created Earl of Dorset, but as Somerset and Dorset were often associated, this mistake is easily explicable. He was the second of that name in England. (See Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*, p. 6.) The four clerks, Henry, Ivan, Peter and Richard seem to have been his younger sons. (Cf. B 4, 230.)

B 3. This is a grant to the church of Bruton, made apparently before the foundation of the priory, by Thierry de Mesnil Mauger, who took his name from a place near Auge. William the Sheriff may possibly be the first William de Mohun, who was sheriff of Somerset at the time of the Domesday Survey, 1086.

B 4. This charter, like No. 1, belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166, but it is somewhat later in date, William de Mohun, Earl of Somerset, being dead. William son of Durandus, was doubtless a son of Durandus de Mohun who is mentioned in a writ of Henry I, given in the cartulary of Bath Priory, and was probably identical with Durandus, a tenant under William de Mohun at the time of the Domesday Survey, and with Durandus Dapifer, a witness to the charter of foundation of the priory of Dunster. Ivan son of the Earl was brother of the grantor, the third William de Mohun. (Cf. Nos. 1, 230.)

B 5. This charter is printed in *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological and Natural History Society*, vol. ix, p. 74. The grantor was the fourth William de Mohun, and the date must consequently be between 1177 and 1194. (See Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*, pp. 7, 8.) Richard de Mohun was probably the grantor's uncle. (Cf. B 1.)

B 6. This charter also belongs to the period between 1177 and 1194.

B 7. This charter is recited in Patent Rolls, 20 Edw. III, part 2, m. 24, and 36 Edw. III, part 2, m. 22, as part of No. 87, but the Christian name of the last witness is there given as Gilbert. It also belongs to the period between 1177 and 1194.

B 8. This charter is also recited in Patent Rolls, 20 Edw. III, part 2, m. 24, and 36 Edw. III, part 2, m. 22. If the list of Deans of Wells given by Le Neve is correct, the date must be 1237. The founder's heirs were by common law the guardians of the temporalities of a religious house during any vacancy of the headship.

B 9. This charter is transcribed also in a roll made by order of Bishop Jocelin which gives the names of further witnesses. (See No. 385.)

B 11. The lords of Tancarville were hereditary chamberlains of Normandy. (Stapleton's *Rotuli Scaccarii Normanniae*.)

B 12. This charter belongs to the period between 1135 and 1166.

B 14. Remewarde should probably be Reinewarde.

B 16. This charter is transcribed also in a roll made by order of Bishop Jocelin, but the name of the last witness is there given differently. (See No. 386.) It belongs to the period between 1135 and 1166.

B 19b. William Malet was sheriff from Christmas, 1209, to 22 November, 1212.

B 20. Cogley Wood is near Bruton. Roger de Forde was sheriff from 20 November, 1221, to 1 February, 1223.

B 26. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 30.

B 27. Cf. No. 94B.

B 31. John Russell was sheriff from February, 1223, to December of the same year.

B 34. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 22.

B 37. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 225.

B 43. Walkelin de Bonham is mentioned in Green's *Pedes Finium*, p. 50.

B 44. The name given as Dicheneston should probably be read Dichenescov, the letters 't' and 'c' and the letters 'n' and 'u,' being practically alike in many medieval MSS. Discove is called Digenescova in Domesday Book. Santemareis may for the same reason be read Sautemareis.

B 45. See preceding note.

B 51. This charter is transcribed also in a roll made by order of Bishop Jocelin. (See B 387.) It belongs to the period between 1146 and 1160.

B 52. This charter belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166. As Hugh the archdeacon, and Alfred, canon of Wells, are not stated elsewhere to have been sons of William de Mohun, Earl of Somerset, it may be conjectured that the scribe has omitted an 'et' before 'filii predicti comitis.'

B 54. This charter also belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166.

B 56. This charter also belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166.

B 57. This charter is transcribed also in a roll made by order of Bishop Jocelin. It is probably a charter of Archibishop Theobald. (See note on B 388.) Dicheneston should be read Dichenescov. (See note on B 44.)

B 53. This is a charter of the first Reginald de Mohun, and the date must consequently be between 1204 and 1213. (See Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*, p. 8.) Kettenor is the old name of Culbone. In Patent Roll 20 Edw. III, part 2, m. 24, and again 36 Edw. III, part 2, m. 22, there is a recital of an almost identical charter, in which, however, no mention is made of the church of Liun, the mills of Winton, or the rent from Maisuns, while Colebere is rightly called Totebere, and the church of Mynnehefd (Minehead) is substituted for the mill there. The witnesses are practically identical also, though Robert son of Robert is not mentioned. The minor discrepancies may be due to errors, on the part either of the Bruton scribe or the Chancery clerk, or of both, but the omission of the Norman property from one of the two charters, which were doubtless issued simultaneously, has a distinct political significance. In 1203, while Reginald de Mohun was still a minor, the King desired him to exchange his lands at Lyon near Caen for lands in England, and on the separation of Normandy from England, he ceased to have any direct interest in the Norman possessions of his ancestors.

B 64. Richard de Mohun was one of the four sons of the Earl of Somerset who are described as clerks in B 1.

B 66. This charter is recited in Patent Rolls 20 Edw. III, part 2, m. 24, and 36 Edw. III, part 2, m. 22. The grantor was the third William de Mohun. Ivan de Mohun was his brother, and William son of Durand, was his cousin. (See B 1, 4, 233.)

B 67. This charter belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166. The grantor was apparently the third William de Mohun.

B 69. This charter also belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166. The grantor was apparently the third William de Mohun, as the witnesses are identical with those to B 66.

B 71. This is a charter of the third William de Mohun, Ivan de Mohun, who was a son of the Earl of Somerset (see Nos. 1, 4, 230), being described as the grantor's brother. The name of his wife, who survived him and his son, is given as Godehold in the *Placitorum Abbreviatio*, p. 60.

B 72. The occurrence of Hugh de Meriet among the witnesses seems to show that this charter belongs to the period preceding 1236.

B 73. This is a charter of the fourth William de Mohun, and belongs to the period between 1177 and 1194. Richard de Mohun was his uncle.

B 74. This charter belongs to the period between 1206 and 1242. Ferschet is near Barrow in Charlton.

B 75. This is a charter of the third William de Mohun relating to property in Normandy. Henry de Mohun his brother was one of the witnesses to B 1. Richard de Mohun, also a clerk, was another brother.

B 76. Dicheneston should be read Dichenescov. (See note on B 44.)

B 77. Thomas de Cirencestre was sheriff from 10 November, 1228, to 11 July, 1232, and again from 1233 to 1236.

B 80. The date of this charter appears to be about 1280.

B 83. Ivo was dean of Wells from 1139 to 1159.

B 84. This charter is enrolled on Charter Roll, 32 Hen. III, but without Paulinus Peyure as a witness, and with an additional witness, William de Bello-monte.

B 85. This charter is enrolled on Charter Roll, 36 Hen. III, m. 4.

B 87. This charter is enrolled on Patent Rolls, 20 Edw. III, pt. 2, m. 24, and 36 Edw. III, part 2, m. 22. The charters recited in it are those numbered B 1, B 7, and B 8. The Patent Rolls also recite a second charter of the same John de Mohun of the same date, reciting and confirming the charter numbered B 66 in this volume, and a third charter of the same person and the same date reciting and confirming a charter of Reginald de Mohun of which some account is given in the note on B 58.

B 89. Listhulle is Lusty.

B 90. The original of this is in the Public Record Office, *Inquisitiones post mortem*, 12 Ric. II, No. 25.

B 94b. Cf. B 27.

B 96. This grant appears to have failed, probably for want of the overlord's assent.

B 97. Alina, wife of Jordan de Clinton, was one of the daughters and heirs of Gerard de Brocton. (Green's *Pedes Finium*, p. 64, A.D. 1227.)

B 98. Sibyl, wife of Robert de Baggedrep, was another of the daughters and heirs of Gerard de Brocton. (Green's *Pedes Finium*, pp. 64, 86.)

B 99. See note on B 97.

B 102. This charter belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166.

B 103. Dicheneston should be read Dichenescov. (See note on B 44.) Ralph, dean of Gerlington, was probably the parson of Yarlington and dean of Cary deanery. This charter apparently belongs to the period between 1166 and 1174. (See B 105.)

B 106. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1191.

B 107. The date of this charter is about 1217.

B 113. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 84.

B 114. This charter is anterior to 1206.

B 116. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1191.

B 117. This charter probably belongs to the episcopate of the earlier bishop Robert, 1142-1166.

B 119. Hengrave is Henley grove.

B 125. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1184.

B 128. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1191. David, parson of Bleadon, was dean of the deanery of Axbridge.

B 130. Certeles or Cerceles, is Churchill in Banwell.

B 133. Rolveston is Rolston in Banwell.

B 134. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1191. Wringmarsh was the level drained by the Wring, now called the Yeo. The chapel was probably that of Puxton.

B 136b. This charter belongs to the period between 1156 and 1166.

B 137 and 138. These charters belong to the period between 1174 and 1191.

B 139 and 140. These charters belong to the period between 1192 and 1205.

B 141. This may perhaps mark the creation of the parish of Rodney Stoke.

B 144. This charter belongs to the later part of the year 1181 or the earlier part of 1182.

B 148. Walter de Maine (*de Meduana*) died between 1186 and 1190. His wife, Cicely, who witnesses this charter, was Countess of Hereford.

B 149. The occurrence of Sir Hugh de Meriet among the witnesses seems to show that this charter belongs to the period between 1229 and 1236, perhaps to 1232 or 1233, as Thomas de Cirencestre is not styled sheriff.

B 153. Compton is Compton Durville in South Petherton.

B 164. Wigbere is Wigborough.

B 165. This agreement probably belongs to the year 1206 or 1207. John Hostiarius is mentioned in Domesday Book as holding land at Wigborough which is there called Winchimberia.

B 168. This document belongs to the year 1240 or 1241.

B 171. Nicholas de Meriet died in or before 1229. (Greenfield's paper on Meriet in *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society*, vol. xxviii.) For date see B 174.

B 172. Archdeacon is probably an error for Bishop, as the Archdeacon of Bath had no official connection with Lopen. Spart is probably Sparkford.

B 173. Thomas de Cirencestre was sheriff from 10 November, 1228, to 11 July, 1232, and again from 1233 to 1236.

B 174. This document belongs to the year 1208 or 1209.

B 177. The succeeding document seems to show that this charter belongs to about 1221. William was abbot of Glastonbury from 1218 to 1223.

B 179. This ordinance belongs to the period between 1279 and 1292.

B 180-182. These three charters belong to the period between 1142 and 1166.

B 183. This charter belongs to the period between 1198 and 1205.

B 184. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 24.

B 188. Isabella, late the wife of William Fitz Adam, is mentioned in the Fine Roll. A.D. 1252.

B 191. Geoffrey de Mandeville died in or before 1269. (See Batten's *Historical Notes, South Somerset*, p. 126.)

B 193. Reginald de Mohun died in 1257. (See Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*.)

B 194. The date of this charter is somewhere about 1260.

B 195. Sir Walter de Burges was sheriff from 5 October, 1257, to 23 October, 1258.

B 201. This charter belongs to the period between 1274 and 1298.

B 202. See note on B 188.

B 205. The succeeding document shows that this charter was granted before 1238.

B 210. See note on B 188.

B 215. The succeeding document shows that the date is probably 1276.

B 217. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 239.

B 221. This is a charter of William de Mohun, the third of that name. For W. Durandi see note on B 4. Codecombe is Cutcombe.

B 223. This charter appears to belong to the period between 1192 and 1196.

B 224. This appears to be a charter of William de Mohun, the fourth of that name. See No. 225.

B 225. John appears to have been elected abbot of Ford in 1190, and as William de Mohun, the fourth of that name died in or before 1194, the date of this charter is fixed within a few years.

B 226. This charter appears to belong to the period between 1192 and 1196.

B 227. This charter belongs to the year 1221.

B 230. This charter belongs to the period between 1142 and 1166. Earl William was obviously William de Mohun, the second of that name, Earl of Somerset. The second witness was William de Mohun, the third of that name. The third, fourth and fifth witnesses were younger sons who are described as clerks in B 1.

B 235. This document belongs to the year 1238.

B 237. This is a charter of Reginald de Mohun, the second of that name. No 239 seems to show that it belongs to the year 1237.

B 239. This document belongs to the year 1237.

B 240. This document belongs to the period between 1174 and 1191.

B 241. This document belongs to the period between 1237, the date of the appropriation of the church of Minehead by the prior and convent of Bruton, and 1242, the date of the death of Bishop Jocelin. Reginald de Mohun was the second of that name.

B 248. Mary was abbess of St. Edward's, Shaftesbury, in the reign of Richard I. (Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. ii. p. 482. See also No. 247.)

B 249. The succeeding confirmation shows that this document was executed in, or shortly before, 1219.

B 252. This document belongs to the period between 1218 and 1222.

B 253. The Knights Templars had a house at Combe, which is now called Temple-combe.

B 254. See note on B 248.

B 259. The date of this document is 1294.

B 260. The date of this document is 1289.

B 263 and 264. These charters belong to the period between 1174 and 1191.

B 272. This charter belongs to the period between 1211 and 1252. (See Mr. Batten's paper on the Barony of Beauchamp in *Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society*, vol. xxxvi.)

B 273. This charter belongs to the period between 1252 and 1266. (See Mr. Batten's paper, as above.)

B 280. This early fine is not given in Green's *Pedes Finium*.

B 281. The date of this bull is 1243. It is not entered in the Papal *Regesta*.

B 283. This bull belongs to the year 1197.

B 290. William, Earl of Gloucester, died in 1183. His relict, the Countess Hawise, died in 1197.

B 291. This document belongs to the period between 1225 and 1230.

B 293. This document belongs to the year 1299.

B 297. Roger de Forde was sheriff from 20 November, 1221, to 1 February, 1223.

B 311. Moyon, the original home of the Mohun family, is near St. Lo in Normandy. Horsleigh is in Gloucestershire.

B 321. This charter is entered on Charter Roll 45 Hen. III., m. 2.

B 324. This charter belongs either to the year 1155 or to the year 1158. (Cf. Eyton's *Court of Henry II*, pp. 11, 35.)

B 325. This charter is recited in Patent Roll, 11 Ric. II., part 1, m. 6, with some variations in the spelling of names given in No. 324.

B 329. This charter belongs to the period between 1088 and 1095.

B 331. This charter belongs to the period between 1199 and 1220.

B 337. This charter apparently belongs to the period between 1150 and 1176. Queen Adelicia, relict of Henry I, died in 1151. Jocelin was her half-brother and the ancestor of the Percy family.

B 340. This charter belongs to the period between 1148 and 1169.

B 342. This is a charter of the second bishop Seffride, of Chichester, and it must belong to the period between 1180 and 1194, as Peter, abbot of Coggeshall, died in the latter year.

B 352. This charter belongs to the period between 1221 and 1224.

B 354. This charter belongs to the period between 1268 and 1272.

B 374. William de Montacute was *created* Earl of Salisbury in 1337, so that there appears to be an error here.

B 381. Reginald, bishop of Bath is here called Italicus from the place of his education. Herbert of Bosham calls him "nationale Anglus, sed sicut educatione et cognomento Lumbardus." *Materials for the History of Thomas Becket* (ed. Robertson), vol. iii. p. 524.

B 383. Cf. Green's *Pedes Finium* for Somerset, p. 2.

B 384. This document belongs to the period between 1206 and 1242. The original appears from M. D'Anisy's transcript to be a roll containing copies of the documents here numbered 385, 386, 387 and 388.

B 385. Cf. B 9.

B 386. Cf. B 16.

B 387. Cf. B 51.

B 388. Cf. B 57. The title "legate of the apostolic see" was generally used by Archbishop Theobald, and it is not unlikely that the scribe at Bruton made an error in writing Thomas for T.

B 389. The original transcribed by M. D'Anisy was in a private collection.

B 390. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 22.

B 391. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 22. It may belong to the year 1159. (See Eyton's *Court of Henry II*, p. 46.)

B 392. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 23. It may belong to the year 1186. (See Eyton.)

B 393. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 20.

B 394. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 27. It may probably be assigned to William de Mohun, the fourth of that name, and consequently to the period between 1177 and 1194. Five of the witnesses are also witnesses to B 224.

B 395 and 396. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 21. Philip was bishop of Bayeux from 1142 to 1164, and so they may probably be assigned to William de Mohun, the third of that name.

B 397. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 21. It is a charter of William de Mohun, the third of that name. Since the text of this volume was printed, it has been ascertained that "ewie" means "waters." In a transcript by M. Deville at the Public Record Office, there is mention "allecium suorum et piscium de ewiis suis de Longolio," a place on the river near Dieppe.

B 398. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 21. It belongs to the period between 1142 and 1164.

B 399-401. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fols. 22, 23. They belong to the period between 1142 and 1164. Richard de Mohun was one of the younger sons of William de Mohun, the earl, the second of that name. See Nos. 1, 230.

B 402 and 403. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 23. "Such land as subjected the holder to service in the host with horse and arms at his own expense bore in Normandy the designation of a *fief d'haubert*, i.e. *feodum lorice*." (Stapleton's *Rolls of the Norman Exchequer*, vol. ii. p. ix.) Ilbanus de Moyon was doubtless identical with Juwan, Juvan, or Iwan, one of the four younger sons of William de Mohun, the earl, the second of that name. See B 1, 4, 230. B 405 gives some indication of the date.

B 404. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 23.

B 405. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 26. It belongs to the period between 1142 and 1164.

B 406. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 22. It belongs to the period between 1164 and 1205.

B 407 and 408. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 22. They belong to the period between 1164 and 1205.

B 409. The original transcribed by M. D'Anisy was in a private collection. William was bishop-elect of Coutances.

B 410-412. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 39.

B 413. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 39. The date of the papal commission is 1191.

B 414. The original transcribed by M. D'Anisy was in a private collection.

B 415. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 37. It belongs to the period between 1202 and 1208.

B 416. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 37.

B 417. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 24.

B 418. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 23.

B 419 and 420. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 30

B 421. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society*, vol. xix. p. 96.) It is transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 37. William de Mohun was almost certainly the fourth of that name as that William mentions his brother Thomas in No. 394, and the document appears to belong to the period between 1177 and 1194. No bishop of Coutances named Hugh is mentioned in the ordinary lists at that time. Bishop Richard, who was elected in 1151, died in 1180. (Hoveden, ed. Stubbs, vol. ii. p. 252.) William, who is described as bishop-elect in 1184, in No. 409, occupied the see until 1202. It is, however, remarkable that in a treaty between Philip, King of France, and John, Count of Mortain, concluded at Paris in 1193, there is a special clause concerning a certain Hugh, bishop of Coutances. (Rymer's *Fœdera*, Record edition, vol. i. p. 57.) This seems to point to the existence of two rival claimants of the see.

B 422. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above, p. 97.) It is transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 37. See preceding note.

B 423. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above.) It is transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 37. The document which it confirms appears to have been about thirty years old.

B 424. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above.) Henry de Mohun may have been a younger son of the fourth William de Mohun of Dunster, and the inheritor of his French possessions on the separation of Normandy from England.

B 425. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above.) It is transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 30.

B 426. This occurs in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 24.

B 427-430. The originals are in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above.) They are transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fols. 32 and 30.

B 431 and 432. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fols. 31, 32.

B 433. The original is in the archives of St. Lo. (*Proceedings*, as above.) It is transcribed in the Troarn Cartulary, fol. 26.

B 434-448. These occur in the Troarn Cartulary, fols. 26, 34, 19, 20, 27, 31, 34, 37, 24, 30, 28, 38. The dean "de Podiis" in B 444 was the dean of Les Pieux in the Cotentin.

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## Notes on the Montacute Cartulary.

M 1. This charter is printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 165. It belongs to the period between 1091 and 1106, when the Count of Mortain was taken prisoner at the battle of Tinchebriai. Some of the witnesses were the real donors of the lands specified, as appears by M 9.

M 2. This charter is recited in *Cartæ Antiquæ* FF., and in Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV. part 5 m. II. It is also printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 166. It belongs to the period between 1100 and 1118.

M 3. This charter is recited in *Cartæ Antiquæ* FF., and in Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV. part 5., m II. It belongs to the period between 1107 and 1118.

M 4. This charter also belongs to the period between 1107 and 1122.

M 5. This charter belongs to the period between 1135 and 1137.

M 6. This charter also belongs to the period between 1135 and 1137. "Richard the chancellor" is probably an error for "Richard the chamberlain," *cam* being misread *canc*. See M 7.

M 7. This charter belongs to the period between 1135 and 1145.

M 8. This charter is recited in *Cartæ Antiquæ* FF., and in Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV. part 5. m. II. It is also printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 166. It belongs to the period between 1152 and 1158. Mr. Eyton ascribes it to 1155. (*Court of Henry II.* p. 7.)

M 9. This charter is recited in Charter Roll, 54 Hen. III. m. 10. It is also printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. v. p. 166. It appears to be of the same date as the preceding.

M 10. This charter is recited in Patent Roll, 1 Hen. IV. part 5. m. II. It belongs to the period between 1174 and 1184.

M 11. This charter belongs to the year 1156 or 1157.

M 12. This charter is recited in Charter Roll, 54 Hen. III. m. 9. It belongs probably to the year 1155 or 1157. (See Eyton's *Court of Henry II.*)

M 13. This charter belongs to the period between 1189 and 1199.

M 16. This charter is printed in *Rotuli Chartarum*, p. 23.

M 19 and 20. These are in reality one charter of the 11th year of Henry III, which is recited in *Cartæ Antiquæ* FF.

M 21. This charter is entered in Charter Roll, 54 Hen. III. m. 10.

M 22. This charter is entered in Charter Roll, 30 Hen. III. m. 2.

M 23. This charter is entered in Charter Roll, 37 Hen. III. m. 8.

M 24. This charter is entered in Charter Roll, 53 Hen. III. m. 13, but the time appointed for the fair is there given as the eve, day, and morrow of the feast of St. Mattheus, which falls on the 21st of September.

M 25-29. These are in reality one charter of the 30th year of Edward I., which is recited in Patent Roll, 1 Henry IV. part 5, m. 11.

M 38. This charter belongs to the year 1179. Mr. Batten antedates it by a few years. (*Historical Notes, South Somerset*, p. 40.)

M 39. This charter appears to belong to the earlier part of the reign of Henry III.

M 40. This charter appears to belong to the later part of the reign of Henry III.

M 42. This charter appears to belong to the later part of the twelfth century. See Batten's *Historical Notes, South Somerset*, pp. 118, 119.

M 43. According to the pedigree given by Mr. Batten, Stephen de Mandeville and Roger his son were not lineal ancestors of Sir John de Mandeville.

M 47. Eudo Dapifer died in 1120. (Morant's *History of Essex*, vol. i. p. 141. Dugdale's *Monasticon*.)

M 48. Hamo de St. Clare was successor to Eudo Dapifer at Colchester.

M 49 and 50. These charters appear to belong to the earlier part of the reign of Henry III. William son of Henry, was sheriff from 1226 to 1228.

M 51. Robert de St. Clare occurs in the year 1262, in M 33. See also M 98. Pharamund de Bolonia is mentioned in the Somerset Assize Roll (756) of 8 Edw. I.

M 53. William Briwere, or Brewer, whose name is preserved at Ile Brewers, died in 1226. (*Dictionary of National Biography*, vol. vi. p. 297.) Heriet and Pateshull were judges like himself. (Foss.)

M 54. This charter, which seems to date the preceding, belongs to the period between 1192 and 1205.

M 56. Roger de Mortimer died in 1282. His wife Matilda was one of the daughters and coheirs of William de Braose. John de Hastings and William de la Zouche were her great-nephews, being grandsons of her sister Eva, who married William de Cantilupe. Their claim to Odcombe was derived through the above-mentioned William de Braose, whose mother was one of the daughters and coheirs of William Briwere.

M 57. Edmund de Mortimer was son of Matilda and he succeeded to her estate (*Calendarium Genealogicum*).

M 58. The Launvaleyrs were probably of Breton extraction.

M 91. Robert de Beauchamp, who is mentioned in this as alive, appears to have died before 1196. (*Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society* vol. xxxvi. p. 23.)

M 92. This charter is apparently almost of the same date as the preceding.

M 95. This charter belongs to the period between 1269 and 1284. One William de Mohun died in 1265, and another, his nephew, in 1281. (Maxwell Lyte's *Dunster and its Lords*.)

M 102. Mark was prior of Montacute in 1246. See M 22.

M 107. Roger de la Forde was sheriff from November, 1221, to February, 1223.

M 108. Wandregesil de Curcelles lived in the reigns of Richard I and John.

M 109. Turstin was sheriff of Hampshire from Michaelmas, 1155, and possibly earlier, to March, 1159. One of John de Port's charters is printed in Dugdale's *Monasticon*, vol. vi. p. 1014. Sireburne is West Sherborne near Basingstoke.

M 110. Adam de Port was outlawed in 1172. He lived until near the end of the reign of John. (See *Gesta Regis Henrici Secundi*, ed. Stubbs, vol. i. p. 35.)

M 111. William de St. John lived in the early part of the reign of Henry III.

M 113. William de Cantelupe, son of Walter, died in 1239. (Batten's *Historical Notes, South Somerset*, p. 37.)

M 114. William de Cantelupe the younger died in 1251. (Batten, as above.)

M 116 and 117. These charters belong to the latter part of the twelfth century.

M 118. It appears from No. 9 that Robert de Lincoln was son of Alfred de Lincoln, who may perhaps be identified with a person of that name who was a tenant in chief in Bedfordshire at the time of the Domesday Survey, 1086. At Worth, Langton (Herring), Winterborne, Chesilborneford and Watercombe alike, Robert de Lincoln had succeeded to the over-lordship which at the time of the Domesday Survey belonged to the wife of Hugh son of Grip. Bardolph Bussell's charter is given later in the Cartulary, M 124.

M 121. Scheling was the tenant in chief of Acford, or Ockford, at the time of the Domesday Survey, 1086. Robert Escheling is mentioned in the Pipe Roll of 22 Henry II.

M 124. Roger Boissell was under tenant of Ceoselburna at the time of the Domesday Survey, 1086. (*Exon Domesday*, p. 47.) That Bardolph's surname was also Bussell appears clearly from M 119 and 126. It is probable that he gave his name to Bardolfeston, which, like Chesilborneford, is now in the parish of Piddletown. Robert de Mustiers was doubtless identical with Robert de Monasteriis, a witness to M 126.

M 125. The grantor of this charter may have been a grand-daughter of Gervase Bussell. Samson Roch, her father, held half a knight's fee in Dorsetshire under Alfred de Lincoln, in 1166. (*Liber Niger Scaccarii*.)

M 126. Just as Bardolph Bussell is called in the rubric of M 124 Bardolph de Chiselburneford, so his brother Gervase Bussell, who is a witness to that charter, is here called Gervase de Watercombe from the name of his seat in the parish of Warmwell.

M 128. Robert, Count of Meulan, died in 1118.

M 129. As this charter is directed to the person named in the preceding, it is probably not much later in date. The grant of the houses at Wareham by the Count of Meulan is mentioned in M 9.

M 130. Nichole is the old French form of Lincoln. William was prior of Montacute in 1159. (See the List of Priors in this volume.)

M 131. Alfred de Lincoln and Alreda his wife were alive in 1178. (See M 120.)

M 132. This charter belongs to the period between 1107 and 1122.

M 133. This charter apparently belongs to the period between 1163 and 1173, when Richard, archdeacon of Poitiers, a constant attendant on the King, was elected Bishop of Winchester.

M 134. This charter cannot be later than 1158, as it is mentioned in M 9.

M 135. This charter probably belongs to the early part of the reign of Henry III. (Compare the witnesses to M 35, 52, and 107.)

M 136. There were several Baldwins, Earls of Devon. William de Lestra, doubtless an ancestor of Richard, was a tenant under the Count of Mortain at the time of the Domesday Survey, 1086, and the grantor to Montacute Priory of land at Baresfeld. (See M 9.)

M 137. See M 109-111.

M 138 and 139. These charters appear to belong to the later part of the twelfth century. Stephen occurs as prior of Taunton in 1159, 1174 and 1186. (*Proceedings of the Somersetshire Archaeological Society*, vol. ix., pp. 5, 6.)

M 141 and 142. These charters appear to belong to the early part of the twelfth century. A Matilda Peverel is stated to have lived in the reign of Henry I. (*Testa de Nevill*, p. 194.)

M 143. A.D. 1214.

M 144. It appears from M 145 that the grantor of this charter was Hugh Peverel. Some of the witnesses occur again as witnesses to No. 140, which is dated 1206. See also M 150.

M 151. This charter belongs to the period between 1119 and 1129, Ranulph earl of Chester, being alive. It was confirmed by Henry II. (See M 2.) For Robert Fitz Martin, see Round's *Geoffrey de Mandeville*, p. 94.

M 152. This charter belongs to the period between 1251 and 1260.

M 158. William, son of Henry I, was drowned in 1120. Matilda, queen of Henry I, died in 1118. The date of this charter must consequently be between 1120 and 1135, when Henry I died.

M 160. This charter belongs to the period between 1138 and 1160.

M 164. This charter must be anterior to Christmas 1122, when Ranulph the chancellor died from a fall from horseback. Alfred de Nichole is doubtless Alfred de Lincoln, the first of that name.

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M 166. This charter belongs to the period between 1119 and 1147.

M 167 and 168. Stephen de Mandeville is believed to have died about 1147, or at any rate before 1155. (Batten's *Historical Notes, South Somerset*, p. 114.)

M 169. This charter belongs to the period between 1091 and 1106. (See note on M 1.)

M 170. William son of Henry was sheriff from 1226 to 1228.

M 180. This charter belongs to the period between 1135 and 1166.

M 181. This charter belongs to the period between 1174 and 1180.

M 192. The original charter is at Paris, in the Bibliothèque Nationale. The date is September, 1131.

M 193. This charter belongs to the period between 1114 and 1135.

M 195. This charter is entered on Charter Roll, 24 Hen. III. m. 3.

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M 33. Gunle is clearly a misreading of Givile, the old name of Yeovil. John Maltravers occurs in 1280 as lord of the manor of Hendford in Yeovil. (Batten's *Historical Notes, South Somerset*, p. 168.)

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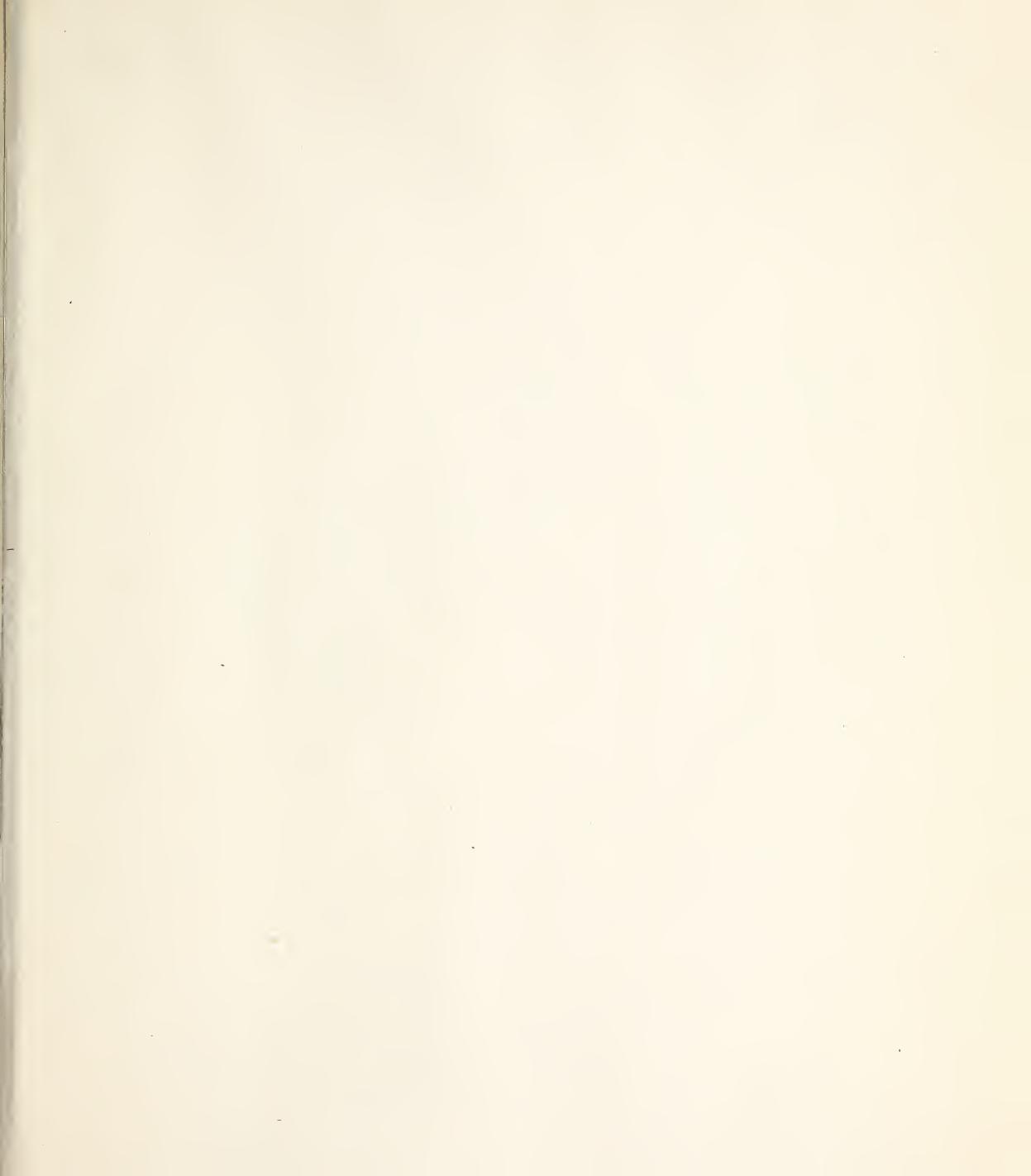
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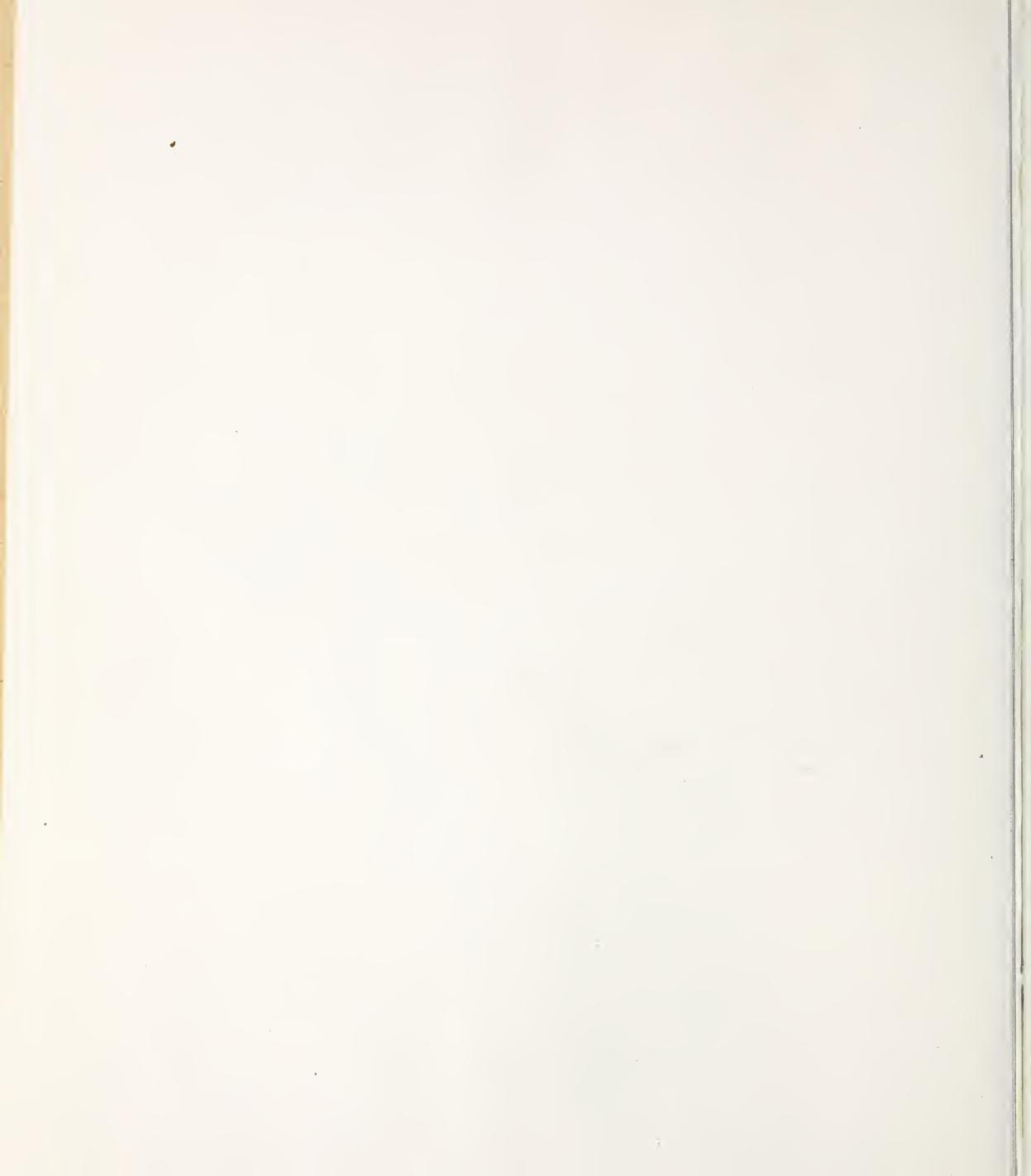
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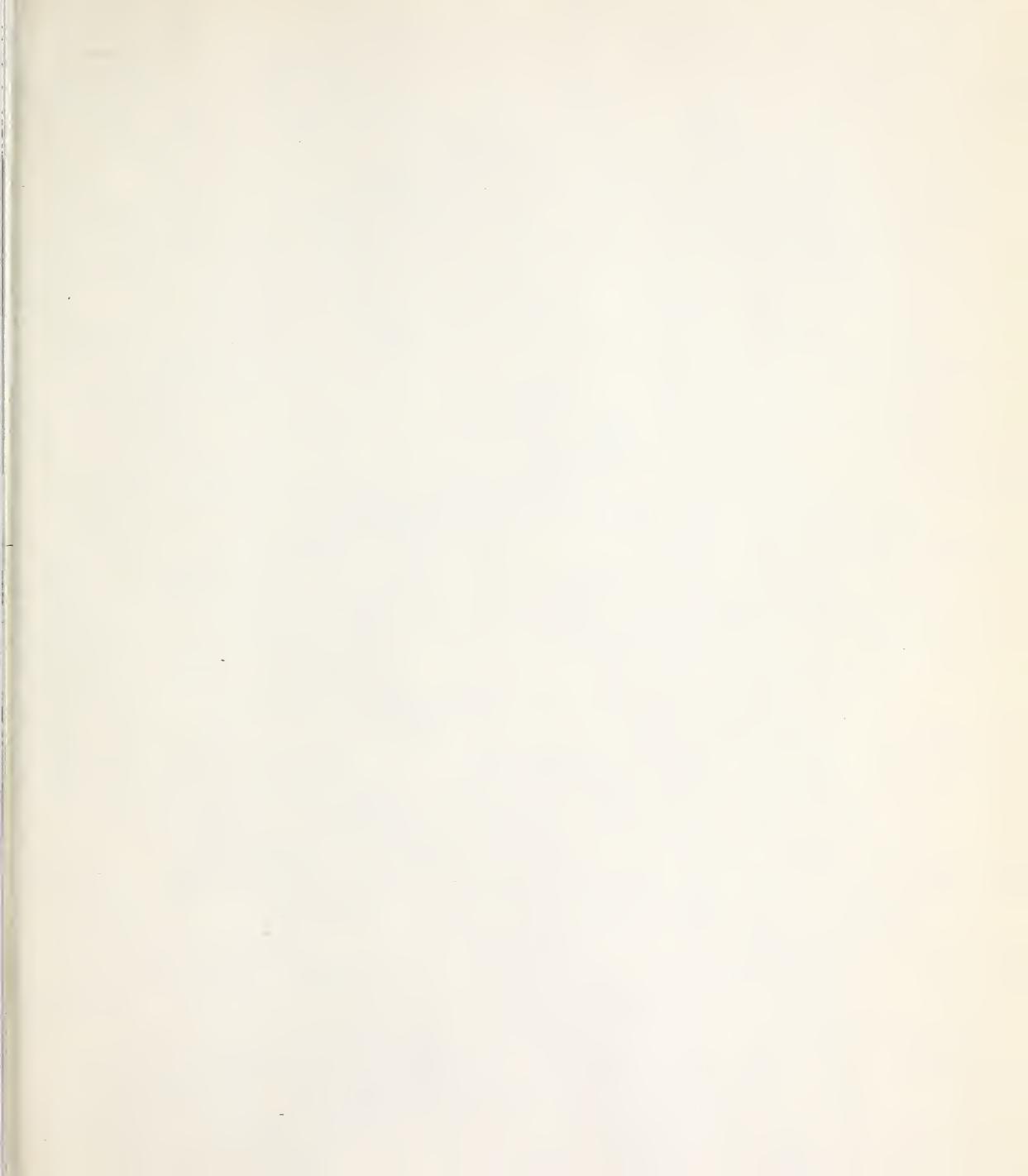
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